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## More price cuts put pressure on OPEC

PARIS, March 12 (AFP) — The decision this week by Norway and the Soviet Union to cut their oil export prices has given another twist to the screw which is putting pressure on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

OPEC ministers are to hold a special meeting in Vienna on March 19 to decide how to cope with the weak market and price cuts by non-OPEC producers.

The move by Norway and the USSR follows the decision by Britain to reduce the price of North Sea oil by \$4 to \$31.5 a barrel from March 1.

On Tuesday, Norway reduced its price by \$4, and two days later the Soviet Union Thursday told Finland that it was aligning its prices on the North Sea.

The main question now being asked in oil circles is how OPEC will act to hold onto its market share and avoid a further price collapse. Following price cuts announced by Venezuela and Iran in March, the average OPEC price at the end of February had fallen to \$33.5 — or two percent below the level at the end of 1981 and 5.3 percent lower than in March 1981.

Potential buyers can now purchase British or Norwegian oil at 15 percent less than the price charged by OPEC members Nigeria.

Algeria or Libya, for oil of similar quality.

In Lagos, meanwhile, authoritative oil sources said Thursday some OPEC members will have to cut their oil production sharply before Nigeria can be expected to help defend the current OPEC reference price of \$34 a barrel.

Market analysts see Nigeria as a weak link in the OPEC price structure because with a large population, it needs revenue and is under buyer pressure to trim prices in the prevailing glut.

New York oil sources said the Nigerians had told customers they would cut prices during or soon after OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meets in Vienna on March 19 to consider coordinating output cuts, in defense of the \$34 reference price.

Reacting to this, the authoritative Lagos sources said that when key OPEC ministers met in Qatar last weekend Saudi Arabia and Kuwait said strongly that they opposed price cuts and favored lower production. The sources said all 13 OPEC members were willing to trim output. But some members would have to agree on drastic cuts before Nigeria could be expected to join in defending the reference price.

### On housing policy

## Spadolini calls for trust vote

ROME, March 12, (R) — Italy's shaky coalition government Friday called for a vote of confidence to force parliamentary approval of its housing policy as the powerful Communist Party made a fresh bid for power.

The confidence vote, on a decree including more funds for public housing schemes, is the fifth the government has posed in five months. It compels Italy's squabbling ruling parties to rally behind Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini.

Only Thursday, the five-party government, which holds a paper majority in parliament, was defeated on a Communist motion over plans to reform Italy's state energy giant ENI. The confidence vote, in which deputies have to make their decision publicly, will be held Saturday.

Spadolini, appointed last June as Italy's

### Eritreans hit back

BEIRUT, March 12 (R) — Eritrean fighters said Friday they had killed more than 1,700 Ethiopian troops in a counter-attack launched last weekend to resist a major government offensive.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said in a communique issued here it had killed 1,376 Ethiopian soldiers, wounded 590 and pushed back government forces 36 kms in fighting along the Red Sea coast of Eritrea Province.

## Venezuela, Mexico hint at new cartel

PHOENIX, March 12 (AP) — Representatives from Venezuela and Mexico are discussing the possibility of forming their own cartel to supply the United States and Canada with heavy crude oil, a Venezuelan petroleum consultant says.

Leonardo Montiel Ortega, a former Venezuelan senator now with the University of Santa Maria in Caracas, said Thursday there is enough heavy crude in North and South America to make the continents independent of Arab oil. Ortega said worldwide reserves of heavy crude oil are greater than light and medium crude and that the future of transportation fuels lies with heavy crudes.

Heavy crude can provide the same products as light and medium crude, such as gasoline, but requires more refining. "We keep thinking of oil as just being light and medium," Ortega said. "That's what OPEC has, but that type of oil is over."

Ortega, who said he was not speaking as a representative of the Venezuelan government, said a Mexican delegation was in Caracas Wednesday to meet with Venezuelan officials to discuss forming their own organization. He said it probably would be easier for the United States and Canada to work with such an organization than with the Arabs.

Formation of a new cartel would not mean that Venezuela, one of the five founding members of OPEC in 1960, plans to pull out of OPEC, Ortega said.

He said Venezuela will continue to belong to OPEC because the organization provided relatively stable price for the light and medium Venezuelan crude oil.

Ortega was in the Phoenix area to speak at the American Graduate School of International Management in suburban Glendale. A former senator, he coordinates the doctorate economics department at the University of Santa Maria and serves as a consultant on economic and oil matters to Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins and to private companies.

## Steps to combat alcoholism urged

STRASBOURG, March 12 (AP) — A part of the tax on alcoholic beverages should be set aside to combat alcoholism and the effects it has on society and health in Western Europe, the European Parliament said in a resolution approved Friday.

The parliament, however, ruled that an increase in the already high tax would not be an effective way of controlling alcohol abuse because it would encourage the "less well-off to consume lower quality products — those that are more harmful to health."

The parliament is the directly elected advisory branch of the 10-nation European Common Market.

Alcoholism in member countries has reached "worrisome proportions," according to a parliament report prepared for a debate on the subject here this week.

Alcohol consumption increases during the past 30 years have ranged from a 37 percent rise in Italy to a 276 percent upsurge in the Netherlands, the report said. The consumption of alcohol is making a "strong comeback" particularly among the young as a substitute for drugs, the report said.

## Girl becomes sixth of living generation

REDWOOD CITY, California, March 12 (AP) — A seven-pound girl born Friday became the sixth living generation of women in a family whose roots stretch back to 1891.

Kimberly Kathleen Peters, 19, gave birth to the baby, Tara Kathleen Peters, at 3:07 a.m. at Kaiser Foundation Hospital while her 21-year-old husband, George A. Peters Jr., and a crew filming a documentary about the family looked on.

The birth makes Frankie Underwood, of Georgia, a great-great-grandmother.

"When the baby came out, there were absolute cheers in the delivery room," said Michael Colozzi, a family friend making the film.

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Francois Mitterrand

## Gold price slumps to \$322.50

LONDON, March 12 (R) — The price of gold slipped again in a nervous market Friday and bullion dealers fixed the metal at its lowest setting in London since September 1979.

In early trading the price of gold fell \$3.5 to \$322 an ounce, before moving up to \$322.5 for the fix, when dealers set the market price at which most contracts in the metal are made.

The price of gold has fallen from just under \$400 an ounce at the start of the year. The slide has accelerated in the last two weeks and dealers said the market was very vulnerable to any speculative selling aimed at testing new lows.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig told the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Wednesday that the Soviet Union had sold a record 60 tons of gold in January to meet cash problems. Middle Eastern states are also reported to have sold some of their stocks to meet deficits caused by the oil glut.

The Soviet Union is the world's second largest gold producer after South Africa. Its gold sales are always cloaked in considerable secrecy. Trade sources told Reuters earlier this month that the Moscow was borrowing money from U.S. banks to buy grain after two poor crops in a row, suggesting a cash shortage problem.

The Russians are also believed to be helping Poland to meet payments on its Western debts, and recently sold considerable quantities of beating oil as well as diamonds on international markets, according to market sources.

Gold staged a minor recovery earlier this week, moving up from Monday's New York low of \$321.75 to \$335 by midweek.

## To narrow differences Mitterrand opens talks with Reagan

WASHINGTON, March 12 (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand met President Ronald Reagan at the White House Friday for talks which U.S. officials expected would deal with disagreements over Central America and economic policies.

President Mitterrand was greeted on arrival by national security adviser William Clark. He had earlier flown by supersonic Concorde from Paris.

Talks were to start immediately and continue over lunch. Mitterrand planned to fly back to Paris Friday evening. The talks were taking place against a background of U.S. displeasure at French policy toward Central America and French and European concern over high U.S. interest rates.

The Reagan administration, while approving of France's strong military posture toward the Soviet Union, is worried about French participation in the planned natural gas pipeline from Soviet Siberia to Western Europe. It is particularly concerned at proposed low-interest French loans to Moscow in connection with the project. Undersecretary of State James Buckley flies to European capitals Saturday to discuss the pipeline and the question of future credits to Moscow.

## America admits Soviet arms edge

MONTEREY, California, March 12 (R) — The U.S. will not regain its military margin of safety with the Soviet Union for six or seven years, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has said.

"By then we will not have gained military superiority, but a measure of strength to deter a first strike by the Soviets," he told a meeting here Thursday. He said that to

Reagan is awaiting his return before deciding whether to bar foreign subsidiaries of American firms from making equipment for the pipeline project. But Secretary of State Alexander Haig has opposed pushing U.S. opposition to the project to the point where it might crack Western alliance unity.

Direct U.S. sales are already barred under trade sanctions imposed by Reagan following the imposition of martial law in Poland last December. On Central America, U.S. and French policies are in direct opposition.

France has urged that the leftist guerrillas fighting the U.S.-backed junta of President Jose Napoleon Duarte in El Salvador should be brought into discussions on the country's future. Haig has said the guerrillas are under foreign, mostly Nicaraguan, control.

The administration rules out negotiations with them unless they lay down their arms and agree to take part in an electoral process which begins with balloting for a constituent assembly on March 28. Washington argues that Nicaragua is building the biggest military force in Central America, and this week it displayed aerial reconnaissance photographs as evidence of the buildup.

achieve even this target, the U.S. would have to build its military strength at a substantial rate.

He said the Soviet Union believed at present a nuclear war could be won. On the situation in El Salvador, Weinberger said: "We have to ensure the Soviet Union does not gain a foothold directly or through a client state on the mainland of Central America."

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## Contracts for municipal projects let

## Khaled okays SR485m canals plan

JEDDAH, March 12 — King Khaled has approved a proposal by Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, to introduce two new storm water drainage canals at Wadi Wajj in Taif, *Okaz* reported Friday.

The proposal was formulated by Prince Miteb after a field visit. He found that one canal is not enough to drain the waters that flood the valley. King Khaled immediately addressed a letter to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy ordering that SR485 million be earmarked for the project under the coming fiscal year's budget.

In a separate development, according to *Al-Jazeera* Friday, the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, awarded contracts totaling more than 12.95 million. These included a SR4 million contract for the creation of a zoo in Jizan within 12 months. The second over SR4.15 million contract with a 12-month implementation period is for surfacing, side-walk construction and lighting for Horma municipality.

The third SR394,805 contract with a four

month implementation period provides for permanent surfacing of streets in Dawadmi. The fourth SR254,800 contract with a four month implementation period concerns temporary surfacing in Dawadmi.

A fifth SR 224,100 contract calls for temporary surfacing in Hota Bani Tamim. The sixth SR 53,566 and the seventh SR 178,831 contracts call for the fencing of cemeteries in

## Korea to forge economic ties

By Devdas Kini  
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, March 12 — Korean Minister of Commerce and Industry Suh Suk-Joon arrived here Friday to strengthen economic and cultural ties with the Kingdom.

During his 5-day visit to the Kingdom, he will be calling on ministers of commerce, industry and electricity, petroleum and minerals, and planning. He will visit Jubail before leaving the Kingdom.

Speaking to *Arab News*, Eu-Kwang Chung,

Abi Uraish in the Western Province. The eighth SR3.18 million contract provides for surfacing and lighting for Al-Mujamma streets. The ninth SR499,000 contract calls for repaving the streets of Madkhaf Aff within three months. A tenth contract, whose value was not disclosed, calls for temporary surfacing of Al-Sudair and related villages' streets.

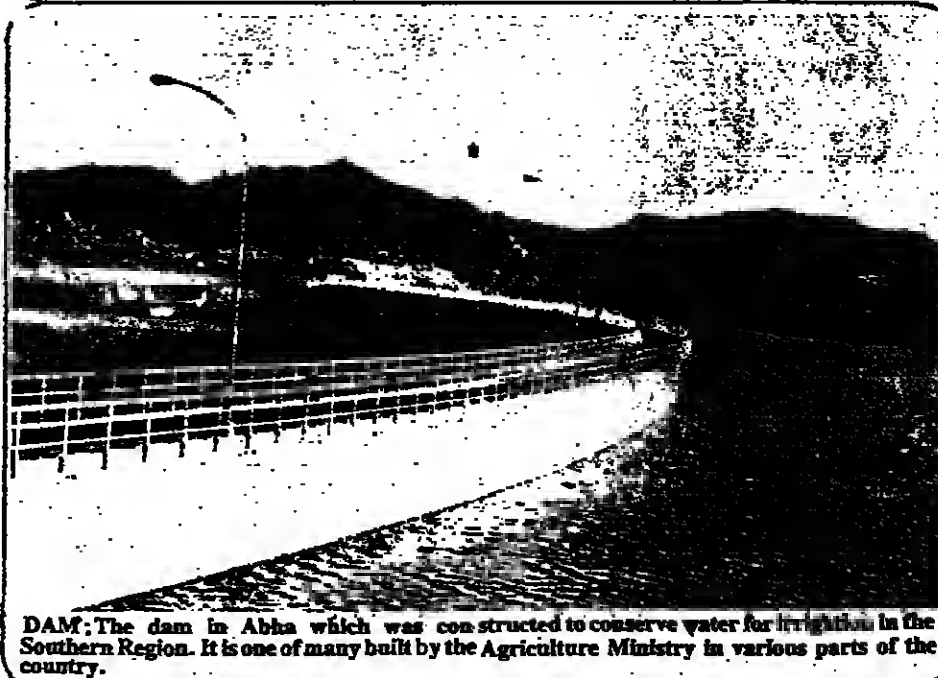
economic attaché of the Korean embassy, said the economic and cultural relations between the two countries have been fostered by various joint venture agreements and exchange of visits. There are, he said, 19 Saudi-Korean joint ventures on a private basis in the Kingdom, including 3 manufacturing and 3 services projects (car maintenance and ship repairing).

Since 1980, he said, the Republic of Korea has sent its agricultural technicians to the Model Agricultural Institute in Buraidah. Apart from 11 railway technicians and 300 nurses since 1979, Korea has provided technical training to 132 students of the College of Engineering of King Abdul Aziz University from 1979 through 1981.

Under the technical cooperation agreement between the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology (SANCST) and the Korean Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), he said, four joint research projects are progressing and KIST computer specialists are participating in operation and management of computer centers of SANCST.

About 100 Korean meteorological experts are working in the Kingdom since 1976 and 120 Saudi refinery experts are being trained in Korea since 1981 under an agreement between Petromin and Korea Oil Corp.

In the field of sports, Eu-Kwang Chung said, 10 soccer and an equal number of basketball teams have visited in 1981, besides 10 Korean Tae-Kwon-Do instructors to support public security forces of the Kingdom. He said the visit of the minister will further strengthen bilateral relations.



DAM: The dam in Abha which was constructed to conserve water for irrigation in the Southern Region. It is one of many built by the Agriculture Ministry in various parts of the country.

## Kansas U to hold parley on U.S., Arab trade links

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 12 — A conference aimed at boosting trade between the United States and the Arabian peninsula is scheduled for March 21-23 in Manhattan, Kansas.

Speaking at the conference will be Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, as well as American and Arab experts on trade and industry. The keynote speaker at the conference, the eighth sponsored by Kansas State University, will be Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan. She will address the dinner meeting

of U.S. and Arab business leaders.

The conference is focusing on both traditional trade affairs as well as current trade opportunities. Studies of the cultural heritage of the Arab world and the Midwest of the United States will take up much of the first day, with lectures on how Americans and Arabs view each other.

Economic planning in Saudi Arabia and general business practices on the peninsula also are topics for discussion. Industry group meetings on data processing, agriculture, construction and engineering also are on the agenda.

## Swiss festival opens at Riyadh Intercontinental

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 12 — A Swiss Gastronomy festival was opened at the Riyadh Intercontinental Hotel by Swiss Ambassador Andre Maillard on Thursday. The inauguration was preceded by a documentary on the serene beauty of the Swiss country side which included mountains, streams, and grasslands with cattle grazing.

Swissair, which organized the food festival in cooperation with the Intercontinental Hotels in Geneva and Riyadh, announced the results of the photographic contest conducted by it. The first prize — a Leica camera was won by Allan Billyeald; second prize — a trip to Switzerland by Swissair and three nights stay, offered by Movenpick — was won by K.C. Lee; and the third prize — a pair of binoculars — went to Nimer Haddad.

Swiss specialties prepared by the chef of the Geneva Intercontinental included melted cheese with potatoes, finely sliced veal with cream and mushrooms and grilled Swiss Sausages with onions.

Speaking to *Arab News*, Andre Maillard said Switzerland exports SR2 billion worth of goods to the Kingdom including food products, watches and machinery. Switzerland has a large number of projects in the Kingdom including about 30 percent of the electricity generating capacity, he said.

## First aid units planned

JEDDAH, March 12 — The Saudi Red Crescent Society is considering an increase in the number of its first aid centers under the present five-year development plan, *Al-Jazeera* reported Friday. It will also increase its centers in some of the Kingdom's airports and purchase fully equipped ambulances. It also plans to develop its new communications network.

## Prayer Times

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Saturday						
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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:30	12:31	12:02	11:49	12:14	12:43
Asr (Afternoon)	3:54	3:56	3:27	3:14	3:38	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:30	6:31	6:02	5:48	6:13	6:42
Isha (Night)	8:00	8:01	7:32	7:18	7:43	8:12

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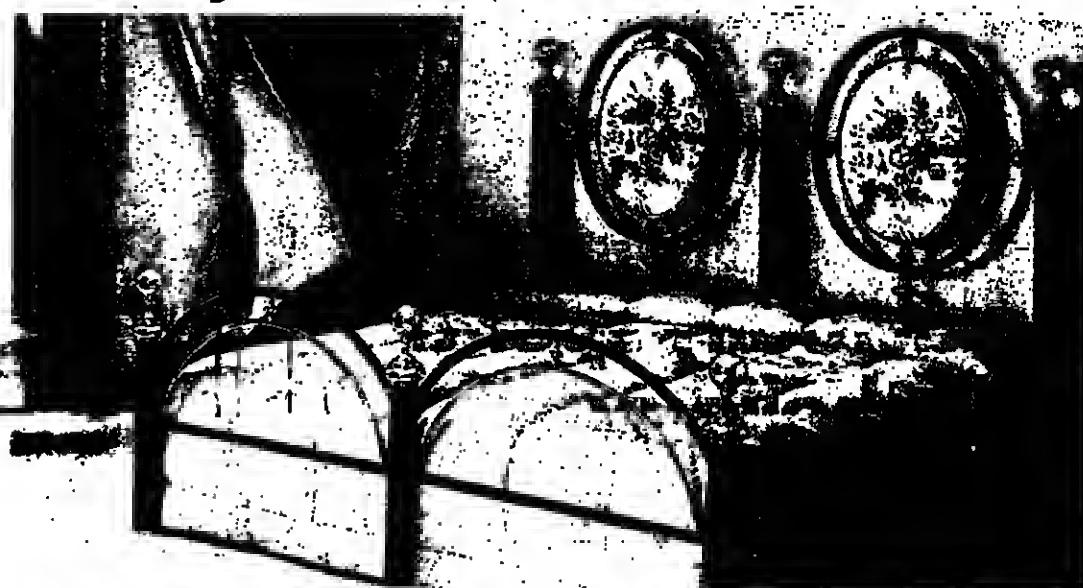
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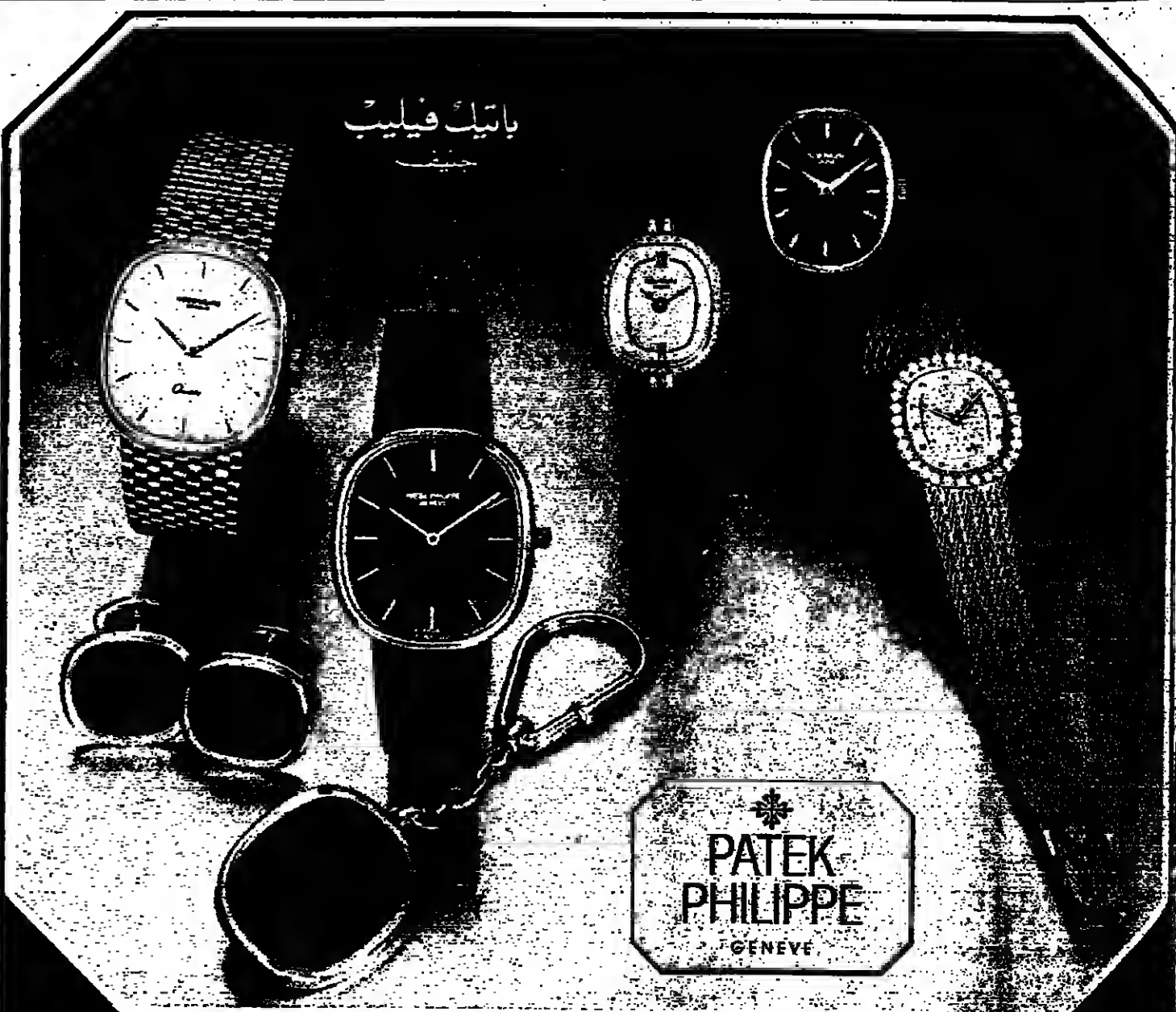
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## Study shows

## Kingdom's educated prefer university job

JEDDAH, March 12 — Saudi Arabian students consider the university teaching job as the most prestigious profession, according to a recent survey conducted by the University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran.

The current issue of *Saudi Business* quoted the survey as saying that doctor, scientist, private sector manager and planning expert occupy the second through fifth places, respectively, in the poll. The jobs of a deputy minister, diplomat and author/writer were also considered as relatively prestigious, while farmer, nurse, fisherman, plumber and others touched the low end of the preferred

## Dutch civil aviation team due next month

JEDDAH, March 12 (SPA) — A civil aviation delegation from Holland is scheduled to arrive here April 13 on a visit to the Kingdom that is expected to last several days.

The delegation is slated to hold talks with Saudi Arabian officials, with a view to signing a bilateral agreement for a regular air link between the two countries.

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occupations.

The survey showed a wide disparity in the rankings of selected business occupations. The highest ranking business occupation is manager in a private company. This, however, can be considered encouraging, since the existence of privately-owned factories is a recent phenomenon in the Kingdom. Priority to this kind of job would mean that a growing number of educated nationals will join that profession, thereby reducing reliance on expatriate manpower.

*Saudi Business* said that the questionnaire was adopted from research studies conducted in the United States. The list of occupations used in the current study was prepared after a review of the occupation classification system provided in the Saudi Arabian Labor Force Statistics.

While the most prestigious occupation for an educated Saudi Arabian is a university professor, the least prestigious has been considered the street peddler. In between come, in order of priority, medical doctor; scientist; manager in a private company; planning expert; deputy minister; engineer; economist; diplomat; author/writer; management consultant; judge; architect; personnel director in a company; computer programmer; sales manager; government executive; military officer; investment analyst; importer; accountant; statistician; teacher in high school; commission agent/dealer; travel agent; technician/machine operator; electrician; banker; money changer; retail salesman; car mechanic; policeman; farmer; nurse; fisherman; truck driver; plumber; taxi driver and waiter/cook.

The relatively low rank of hanker is significant in view of the growing importance of banking in the Kingdom's economy, the magazine said.

## Sharia body dedicated in Philippines

MANILA, March 12 (R) — President Ferdinand Marcos said Friday he hopes to gain Saudi Arabia's support for Philippine efforts to teach Filipinos Muslims Islamic law, when he visits Riyadh in the near future.

Marcos was speaking at the inauguration of the Sharia Institute, which will train Muslims specializing in Islamic law.

The Philippines, is probably the only nation with a Christian majority that has taken steps to integrate Islamic legal precepts into the national legal system, he said.

"I will soon go to Saudi Arabia and hope to be able to obtain some kind of support for this effort, to bring some legal scholars here to prepare the exchange of basic institutions and training, in order that we can train our legal scholars more than we are doing now at the Sharia Institute," he said.

## Bahrain thanked for hosting marathon race championship

MANAMA, March 12 (SPA) — Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, president of the Arab federation for field and track games has thanked Bahrain for hosting the meeting of federation's board of directors and the fourth marathon race championship, which was organized here Friday, under the aegis of Sheikh Hamad ibn Issa Al-Khalifa, heir apparent and chairman of the Bahraini higher council of youth and sports.

In a press conference held here Thursday, Prince Fahd said that the federation is striving to popularize the field and track games in the Arab world, as they provide the base for all athletic games. He added that the federation has drafted several programs for the future, for the realization of this objective. A field and track championship is planned for next year and a circular will be sent to all national federations, to know which Arab state would like to play host, he said, and added that another tournament will be held in 1983, in addition to another Arab federation field and track championship during which eight best athletes will be selected for the competition. It will also be held next year, the prince said.

The federation has a comprehensive program for the preparation of training courses,

coaching and management, and it will make efforts to bring these programs to success, Prince Fahd said. He commended the continuous cooperation given to the federation by the Arab states.

Prince Fahd is chairman of the federation's meeting now being held in the Bahraini capital.

## German official hopes visit will boost program

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 12 — Dr. Josef Rembs, leader of a delegation from the West German Ministry of Research and Technology, recently met with officials of the National Center for Science and Technology in Riyadh, with which the German government has signed a technical cooperation agreement.

Some 15 to 20 German scientists now work in the Kingdom under the agreement in such fields as solar energy, workplace automation and water and sewage systems.

Remember, for whom the German embassy here held a reception last Wednesday, hopes the delegation's visit will lead to an expansion of the program.

## Ibn Jiluwi opens book fair today

DAMMAM, March 12 (SPA) — The Directorate General of Girls' Education in the Eastern Province organizes an exhibition of books here Saturday under Prince Abdul Muhsen ibn Jiluwi, governor of the province.

Several local and Arab publishing houses will display a large number of books on different branches of knowledge during the 11-day exhibition, which is exclusively for women and is being held for the first time in the Kingdom.

Meanwhile, a management and social programs organization course for the managers of women supervision bureaus and social welfare organizations will begin in Riyadh next Saturday, to equip them with managerial skills, so they can play a leading role in management and supervision of social programs for women.

The 10-day course will be organized by the Training and Applied Research Center for the development of the society. A number of lectures and seminars have been planned for the benefit of the participants. Men and women experts from the center and professors from King Saud University's college of administrative sciences will participate, besides officials from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Civil Service Commission and the Institute of Public Administration.

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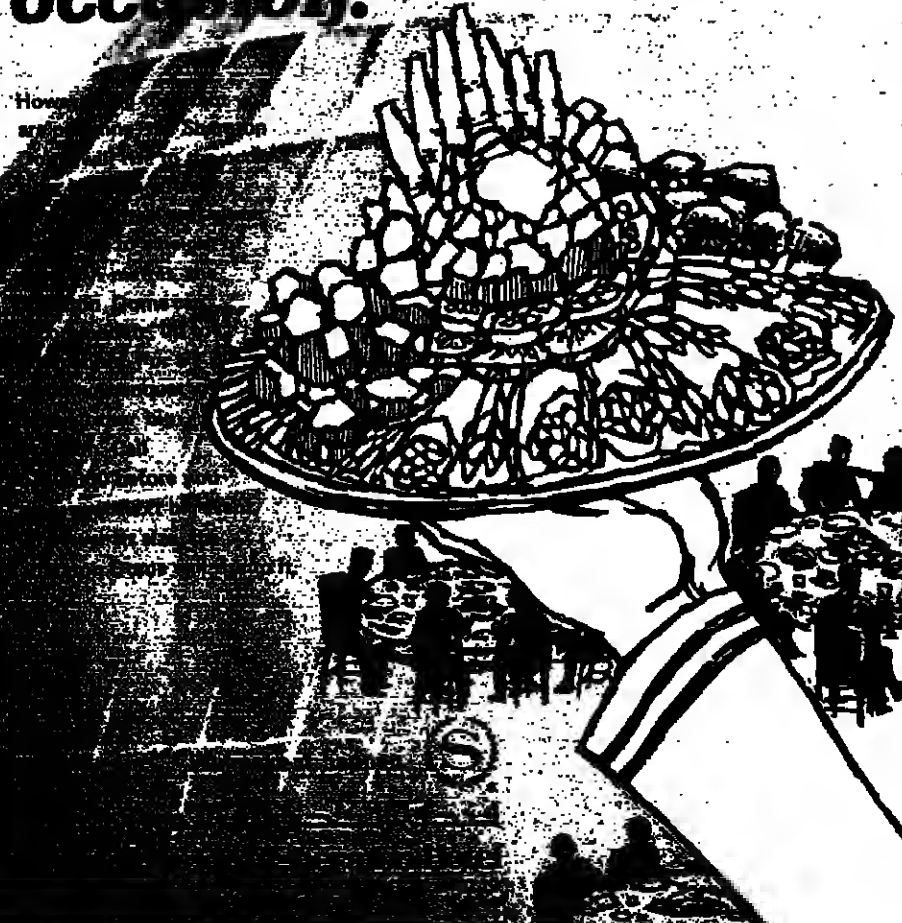
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## Egypt to attend talks of nonaligned in Kuwait

CAIRO, March 12 (Agencies) — A top Egyptian official said Thursday Egypt would attend next month's nonaligned foreign ministers' meeting in Kuwait. The event would mark the first visit by an official Egyptian delegation to an Arab state opposed to the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Speaking to reporters at the foreign ministry, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali did not say who would head the delegation to the conference. Egypt's Foreign Minister is Kamal Hassan Ali.

Seventeen Arab states and the Palestine Liberation Organization broke off diplomatic links with Egypt to protest the signing in

### Veliotis visits Oman

MUSCAT, March 12 (R) — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotis Thursday discussed the Middle East and matters of mutual interest with the Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yusuf Al Alawi Abdullahi, U.S. officials said.

The U.S. diplomat, who also met the Omani Information Minister Abdul Aziz Rowas arrived here Wednesday.

### Russia denies gas warfare in Afghanistan

MOSCOW, March 12 (AP) — Soviet officials again have denied U.S. allegations that the Kremlin is using chemical weapons in Afghanistan, and a Soviet general branded Washington the "monopoly leader" in creating and stockpiling the deadly arms.

Maj. Gen. Anatoly Kuntsevich also pledged at a news conference Thursday that the Soviets will match, for defensive purposes, any new chemical weapons that the United States produces. Walter J. Stoessel, U.S. Secretary of State, told Congress earlier this week that the United States had specific information that Soviet forces in Afghanistan have killed more than 3,000 persons in Afghanistan by chemical warfare. "The actual total is considerably higher," he said.

And Yuri Chernyakov, chief of the press department of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, denounced as a "lie through and through" U.S. assertions that the Soviets have used toxic agents as part of their efforts to defeat Islamic fighters in Afghanistan. "This lie is particularly cynical in view of the fact that the only chemical weapons used in Afghanistan are U.S.-made grenades with which the

March 1979 of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, which resulted from the September 1978 U.S.-sponsored Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel.

The Arab League headquarters was moved from Cairo, and the Arab States attempted to break all economic and political links with Egypt. However, many Arab airlines still fly to Cairo.

Of Arab states only Sudan, Somalia and Oman have full diplomatic links with Egypt.

Meanwhile, Britain's ambassador in Egypt delivered a message from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on her government's Middle East policy Thursday, foreign ministry sources said.

Ambassador Sir Michael Weir gave the letter, a response to a message sent by Mubarak to Mrs. Thatcher last month, to Osama Al-Baz, first-deputy foreign minister and the president's foreign policy adviser. Britain is one of four West European countries that decided to contribute troops to the Sinai peacekeeping force which will patrol the area after the Israelis withdraw from the peninsula next month.

United States supplies counterrevolutionary gangs," he said.

Meanwhile in Strasbourg, France, it was announced a delegation of the European parliament will visit Pakistan next month in an effort to bring about a unification of the Afghan resistance movement.

The parliament is preparing a report that "could lead to the recognition of the Afghan resistance movement," said Lord Bethell of Britain, head of the delegation. The week-long visit will exploit the parliament's "good contacts" with the Afghan fighters, Lord Bethell said. Several members of the Afghan resistance movement visited the parliament in December.

Lord Bethell said the delegation also will look into the reported use of chemical weapons by Soviet troops in the region.

In New Delhi, analysts said Friday, the forthcoming national conference of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) is likely to give President Babrak Karmal a sound political base and may herald the birth of a virtually new, relatively faction-free and strong Communist Party in Afghanistan.

## Opposition asks Zia to lift curbs

KARACHI, March 12 (R) — Pakistan's main opposition grouping, the Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD) has announced a seven-point charter of demands and said it would launch a nationwide movement for their acceptance by the military government.

The current MRD convenor, Fatehyab Khan, told a news conference here that the demands included immediate release of detained politicians, lawyers, journalists, students and labor leaders and reinstatement of employees sacked by state-run organizations. Other demands were a 25 percent cut in the prices of essential commodities and removal of restrictions on the movement of politicians.

MRD also asked for withdrawal of police and paramilitary forces from educational institutions and an end to eviction of jobless people from settlements on municipal lands. It also demanded repatriation of an estimated 300,000 Pakistanis known as Biharis stranded in Bangladesh since it separated from Pakistan in December 1971.

MRD was formed early last year by eight banned political parties, including the Pakistan People's Party of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Its convenorship rotates among the member parties which hold office for a month.

## 621 militants face trial in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, March 12 (AFP) — A total of 621 suspected militants from Turkey's largest leftist underground organization, Dev-Yol, will go on trial April 15 in the eastern city of Erzurum, official sources have said. They were accused of terrorist activities in Turkey. Nearly 900 other alleged members of Dev-Yol are on trial in eight Turkish military courts. A total 178 death penalties have been requested against them.

Meanwhile, 81 suspected members of two separatist groups, Kawa (renaissance) and Ala Riggari (real freedom), are being tried by the martial law court in Erzurum, eastern Turkey. The death penalty has been requested for eight of them.

### Discusses Libya

## Barre requests Reagan to speed up military aid

WASHINGTON, March 12 (Agencies) — President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia has said he was not afraid of Libya whose leader Muammar Qaddafi has threatened to overthrow his government.

He told a press conference after an hour-long meeting with President Reagan that he had asked the president for a speed-up of U.S. military aid. President Barre, who said "we are not so afraid of Libya", sought in play down any Libyan threat to the Horn of Africa region, declaring: "We don't believe Libya is as big a threat as you talk too much about." He asserted a more serious threat was posed by the Soviet Union, which supports neighboring Ethiopia.

U.S. officials said the Somali leader, on the third day of a five-day Washington visit, had made a general request for more aid and the administration was considering it. Asked whether he was satisfied with a proposal to provide aid of up to \$112 million next year, President Barre said his Washington meetings were satisfactory but "the amount is something else."

Asked to explain, he said: "I don't like to complain," and expressed confidence in the future. He said he needed aid more rapidly to meet Somalia's needs.

The administration is asking Congress for about \$30 million in "non-lethal" military aid such as trucks, radar and communication equipment. The rest of the 1983 aid is to consist of economic, food and refugee assistance.

When Barre arrived at the White House, demonstrators led by a group called the Somali community in north America waved banners and called for his ouster. Secretary of State Alexander Haig told reporters later the meeting between President Reagan and the Somali leader was very productive. He described Somalia as a good friend of the United States that had collaborated closely with Washington on security.

Haig praised Somalia's assistance for "hundreds of thousands" of refugees who fled the recent fighting in the Ogaden region of Ethiopia.

## U.N. to seek French unit for UNIFIL

UNITED NATIONS, March 12 (R) — The U.N. Security Council agreed Thursday night to ask France to provide an infantry battalion for the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and ask other countries to strengthen their existing contingents. This follows a decision by the council last month to increase UNIFIL from 6,000 men to approximately 7,000.

France already has a logistics unit of more than 700 men serving with the force. Italy, Norway and Sweden are also represented by logistics units while infantry battalions have been provided by Fiji, Ghana, Ireland, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway and Senegal.

Security Council President Jeanne Kirkpatrick of the United States, in a letter Thursday to Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, said the council had agreed to a formula he suggested for strengthening the peacekeeping force. This involves requesting France to provide an infantry battalion and asking "certain other of the present troop contributing countries, whose contingents need to be strengthened," to increase their numbers.

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## Harassment stepped up in Golan

## Israel bans West Bank mayors' panel

TEL AVIV, March 12 (Agencies) — The Palestinian "National Orientation Committee" of mayors and other dignitaries on the occupied West Bank was outlawed Thursday by an Israeli military decree.

A defense ministry spokesman claimed the committee was completely loyal to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) which accounted for the Israeli action.

Mayor Karim Khalaf of Ramallah said the decree was a move to force Arabs to accept the limited autonomy that they rejected. "The committee's activity is purely political," he commented. "It is carried out in broad daylight. There is nothing clandestine or illegal about it."

Observers said the decree is an act of intimidation in reaction to the meeting of five West Bank leaders, including Mayor Khalaf, with French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson in Israel last week. Observers said another motive for the decree is the Jordanian ultimatum the previous day "outlawing" village leagues on the West Bank who are collaborating with Israeli occupation authorities.

Teachers and employees at Bethlehem University Thursday protested that Israeli soldiers had used tear gas on the Arab school's campus and barred students from entering. Many of the 1,000 students had demonstrated the day before to demand that Israel allow the Palestinian university at Bir-Zeit to reopen. Authorities had ordered it closed for two months on Feb. 16.

Meanwhile, Arab Druze residents of the Golan Heights said Thursday they would refuse to accept identity cards from the Chad army barracks damaged in fire.

NDJAMENA, March 12 (AFP) — A blaze at Ndjamena barracks, apparently started by a discarded cigarette, threw the Chadian capital into maximum alert Thursday as a series of explosions sent loyalist and inter-African peace force soldiers racing to their positions.

The barracks were badly damaged in the fire, which was at first thought to be an attack, presumably by anti-government forces led by Former Minister Hissene Habre.

Nigerian and Senegalese troops in the Inter-African Peace Force patrolled through the city center in armored vehicles. Traffic on the road to Kousseri in neighboring Cameroon came to a halt. The inter-African force is stationed here under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity as part of moves to bring peace to Chad.

Israelis who annexed the region last December.

The Golan Heights residents have been on strike for almost four weeks to protest against the annexation and the arrest of local leaders. Israel allowed foreign correspondents to visit the four Druze villages in the Heights for the first time since military rule was imposed three weeks ago in an apparent bid to break the strike.

Officials said the Druzes would be forced to accept Israeli identity cards by the end of

## 35 Sinai squatters evicted

TEL AVIV, March 12 (AP) — Thirty-five Sinai squatters, evicted from an illegal encampment last week, were evicted again Thursday by Israeli troops after evading roadblocks and returning to the northern Sinai.

The settlers from Patsar Adar, 25 kms south of the largest Sinai settlement at Yamit, returned to their camp this week, replanted tomato fields and fruit trees. The settlers hope to embarrass Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government and block Israel's withdrawal from Sinai, scheduled to be completed in six weeks. Begin ordered troops in Hatsar

this month. But Ibrahim Nazeih, 28, a tailor from this village of 7,000 people, told the newsmen during a tour of the near-deserted streets: "Our people will refuse that. We are Syrians and we want to remain that way."

Because of the strike, shops remained closed and grocery stores opened for only three hours a day to allow residents to buy food. The authorities opened schools but children did not attend classes. Hundreds of villagers have been dismissed by their Israeli employers since the strike began.

Adar last week to remove the settlers and the soldiers had to return again Thursday.

Troops gave the returnees a one-hour ultimatum and then moved into the already battered camp and took off the resisters in a repeat performance of the first traumatic eviction from Hatsar Adar.

Instead of being released in central Israel as before, the squatters were hauled off by bus to jail in the town of Ashkelon, north of the occupied Gaza Strip. One woman managed to jump off the bus in mid-journey and broke her hand, a military spokesman said.

## Arab committee on Lebanon to meet Thursday

TUNIS, March 12 (R) — A special Arab League committee on South Lebanon will hold its second session at the organization headquarters in Tunis next Thursday, the Tunisian News Agency has reported.

The seven-member committee, made up of Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Kuwait, Iraq and Jordan, was set up at the 12th Arab summit in the eastern Moroccan city of Fez last November.

## Council of Europe rejects Arab protest

STRASBOURG, March 12 (AP) — The 21-national Council of Europe has rejected formal Arab government protests against holding a political affairs committee meeting at the Israeli Knesset. The committee is scheduled to meet May 17.

The latest Arab protest over the meeting came Thursday from Moroccan King Hassan II. He sent a message to Parliamentary Assembly President Jose Maria de Arellano warning him of the "grave consequences the meeting could have on relations between Islamic states and Europe."

## Britain links delivery of ship to Iran to 'peaceful purposes'

LONDON, March 12 (Agencies) — Britain would consider delivering a ship built here for Iran if there was an "understanding" it would not be "used for war purposes," the Board of Trade announced Friday.

The 20,000-ton supply vessel *Kharg* has been blocked at the Swan Hunter Shipyard near Newcastle for 23 months. Delivery was initially stopped as part of the Western embargo to seek release of the U.S. embassy hostages in Tehran. The foreign office confirmed that discussions on the *Kharg* and other trade problems were held recently with Iranian officials, but said there had not been any formal approach toward reopening the British embassy in Tehran.

Britain closed the embassy in September 1980 without breaking diplomatic relations after Iranian students in London staged a series of anti-British demonstrations.

Meanwhile in Paris, several Iranian opposition parties held a meeting Thursday night to protest alleged massacres in Iran. Movies were shown of executions of opposition militants, Kurdish nationalists and narcotics dealers.

Taking part in the meeting were the leftist People's Mujahedeen, the Marxist-Leninist Peykar Party, the extreme leftist People's

Fedayeen, the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan, the Komalah (Kurdish Marxist-Leninist Party) and the Iranian Writers' Association.

In another development Tehran Radio said Ayatollah Khomeini has appointed a new member of Iran's Council of Guardians. The radio identified the new member as Hojatoleslam Muhammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani, a former prime minister.

He replaces Ayatollah Rabani-Shirazi, who was killed in a car accident Tuesday. The Council of Guardians is a 12-member watchdog body which supervises the Iranian Majlis (parliament).

## French TV coverage annoys Arab League

PARIS, March 12 (R) — The Arab League representative in France, angry at recent media coverage of President Francois Mitterrand's visit to Israel, said Friday French journalists presented a biased picture of the Arab world.

Muhammad Yazid told a news conference that the media, particularly television, had swamped the French public with information about Israel.

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## LEBANESE PRESIDENCY

It increasingly looks as though U.S. special envoy Philip Habib has taken up an additional task, his already overworked schedule notwithstanding. Habib is increasingly concerning himself with the question of who is to become Lebanon's president after President Sarkis' term ends later this summer.

One of the contenders is National Bloc leader Raymond Edde, who has, however, declared from his voluntary exile in Paris that his candidacy is conditional upon the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon, with the exception of the United Nations forces in South Lebanon. Edde might be one of the contenders whom Habib will not meet, as the view from Beirut is that Edde's line has grown remote from the realities of the situation in Lebanon. To them, what Edde wants as a condition is in reality a task which will take a great deal of time and effort to accomplish.

But Edde has made another point regarding the direct interference on the part of the U.S. envoy and others in the question of the Lebanese presidential election, when he said that on this count, things went on as before in Lebanon, that the seven years of suffering which the country has undergone had changed nothing.

Sadly, one has to concede that this apparently is the case and that, not for the first time, the question of the presidency will be resolved primarily through what others want for Lebanon rather than for what it wants for itself.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The constructive outcome achieved by Riyadh's GCC ministerial meeting and the shameful stance of the Libyan regime which has become a permanent source for stirring inter-Arab disputes appeared in editorial comment in Friday's newspapers.

On the outcome of the GCC ministerial conference held recently in Riyadh, *Okaz* said the meeting has given a new momentum to the council's efforts toward achieving full integration and unity among the GCC six-member states.

The paper praised the council's recent success in defusing tension between Bahrain and Qatar over the Hawar Island issue and entrusting the Kingdom to exert its good offices to settle the dispute in a peaceful and satisfactory way.

"The success in settling this dispute within the framework of the council's basic statute reflects the true spirit of cooperation, coherence and fraternity prevailing among the GCC member states," the paper said.

*Al-Jazirah* and *Al-Madinah* denounced Libyan leader Qaddafi's anti-Muslim stance "which

only serves the malicious designs of big powers led by Zionism and communism".

*Al-Madinah* said the Islamic world is now fully aware of the destructive consequences that can be brought to Arab and Islamic solidarity as a result of Qaddafi's irresponsible and reckless policy.

"The tyrannical regime of Qaddafi is now on the verge of collapse and the time is ripe to punish Libya's tyrant for his criminal acts against the unity of the Arab and Islamic world," the paper said.

"The Libyan people have now realized the damage caused to their heritage, wealth and glorious history at the hands of their insane ruler," it added.

*Al-Jazirah* branded Qaddafi as an agent of communism "which is trying to create inter-Arab disputes and prevent the establishment of any Arab-Islamic solidarity and collective front to face the dangers of Zionism and communism".

The paper asked that Qaddafi be barred from taking any part in Arab and Islamic meetings "so as to safeguard Arab unity from Qaddafi's suspicious and treacherous role." (SPA)

## Ethiopia mobilizes 120,000 troops to crush Eritrea fighters

By Bernd Debusmann

NAIROBI —

Ethiopia's Marxist military rulers have committed half their Soviet-equipped armed forces, the biggest in black Africa, to what they see as the final government offensive in a 21-year war of independence in Eritrea.

The government in Addis Ababa, a close ally of the Soviet Union, has given no indication of the size of the force involved in the latest attempt to crush freedom fighters waging a war for the independence of the strategic Red Sea province of Eritrea. But Western military experts estimated that at least 120,000 troops (out of a total of around 240,000) have been deployed in Eritrea and neighboring Tigre province, where a separate resistance movement is fighting the government.

Ethiopia's soldiers are backed by tanks, artillery, fighterbombers and helicopter gunships of the type used by the Russians in Afghanistan. "The government's firepower is impressive," said one diplomat familiar with developments in the volatile Horn of Africa. "But firepower alone doesn't win wars."

The government drive is by far the biggest military effort to pacify Ethiopia's unruly north since the first shots were fired in Eritrea in September, 1961.

On Feb. 1, a policy document adopted by a meeting chaired by Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile

Mariam vowed to "mobilize forces for the total and final destruction of remaining rebel strongholds (and)... search and destroy supporters and sympathizers of the rebel movements." Third World diplomats in Addis Ababa said that Lt.-Col. Mengistu had gambled his prestige on the success of the offensive by firmly committing himself to the destruction of the freedom fighters.

Past efforts to bring the warring sides to the negotiating table have involved parties as diverse as Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri and Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Neither was able to bridge the vast gulf between the fighters and the government. The fighters say that the former Italian colony of Eritrea — with some 1,000 kms of coastline on the Red Sea — was illegally annexed by the late Emperor Haile Selassie.

The Ethiopians have rejected demands for Eritrean independence because they fear that the secession of the province would signal the collapse of an empire made up of a bewildering array of rival ethnic groups and tribes.

Reports from the Eritrean battle fronts have been sketchy but Western military experts say the freedom fighters appear to be under greater pressure than at any time since young leftist fighters overthrew Haile Selassie in 1974 and perpetuated

his Eritrean policy.

Announcing the offensive, the Ethiopian government said it had launched a parallel campaign to rebuild the war-shattered province. "It seems to be a matter of first killing the fighters and then trying to smother Eritrean nationalism under a pile of banknotes," said an envoy in Nairobi.

Western diplomats in the Ethiopian capital say that the government has stopped a number of development projects in Ethiopia, one of the world's ten poorest countries, and diverted funds to Eritrea to show that it means business in pushing what is known as the "red star development campaign."

According to a spate of communiqués issued by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), the most effective of the resistance groups, thousands of Eritrean troops have been killed in the rugged Eritrean highlands and the sub-tropical savannas of the western plains along the border with Sudan. The accounts are considered exaggerated by military experts but propaganda has not been restricted to the fighters' side: the official Ethiopian news agency reported that the fighters had been "effectively smashed" weeks before the offensive even began.

Similar statements have been issued repeatedly

in the past, but the resistance groups fought on in Africa's longest war. The fighters' strength has been sapped, however, by weeks of fighting last year between the EPLF and the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC). Some 4,000 ELF-RC fighters were chased out of their strongholds in the lowlands and driven across the border into Sudan.

Late in February, Ethiopia said the government offensive was progressing according to plan and added: "Victory against the anti-people and anti-unity elements and the task of restoring normalcy in the troubled Eritrea region will not be far away."

No time frame was given but African diplomats said the Ethiopian military appeared to be confident of success before the end of April, when the onset of the rainy season makes the movement of armor and heavy equipment near-impossible.

Western experts in Nairobi told the Ethiopian are overconfident. Eritrea is ideal fighter country and in the area around Nakfa, the only town still in rebel hands, the EPLF has built a warren of fortified underground installations which would pose formidable problems even to the best-equipped assault force.

There has been no convincing explanation for the timing of the latest offensive but one school of diplomatic thought in Addis Ababa maintains that the military leadership wants to solve the Eritrean problem because it would lessen Ethiopia's dependence on the Soviet Union. According to usually well-informed European diplomatic sources, the Russians have consistently counselled restraint and urged negotiations.

Although Ethiopia is linked to the Soviet Union by a formal treaty of friendship and cooperation, Ethiopians tend to be nationalists first and Marxists second. They are extremely sensitive to what they perceive as interference in Ethiopian affairs. Such sensitivity was thrown into sharp focus early this month when the government ordered half the staff of the French Embassy out of the country within 48 hours.

The decision was in reaction to a statement by French President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party — not the French government — which condemned the offensive against the Eritreans. An Ethiopian state statement declared that the French party reflected "haughty arrogance and a colonial mentality... blatant interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign state." (R)

## Indonesia's election campaign heats up

By Peter Griffiths

JAKARTA —

Indonesia's most distinguished dissident, former Defense Minister Abdul Haris Nasution, has launched a fresh attack on President Suharto's government as campaigning starts for this year's general election.

Nobody doubts that the ruling military-backed "functional group," Golkar, will win a third overwhelming victory in the May 4 poll. The economy is buoyant if not booming, food production is at an all-time high and Gen. Suharto's grip on the reins of power is stronger than ever.

The already weak official opposition parties, the United Development Party (PPP) and Nationalist Democratic Party (PDI), have also suffered internal rifts. The officially-permitted 45-day campaign period begins next Monday but under new regulations the texts of speeches must be submitted to the authorities for approval two weeks in advance.

The parliamentary election, and next year's selection by the upper house of President Suharto for a fourth term, should progress like the time-honored conventions of a traditional puppet play. If there are any hiccups in the formalized script they are likely to emanate not from the official opposition but from Nasution and his supporters.

Nasution, a 63-year-old retired general, was among 50 influential Indonesians who petitioned parliament in 1980 to censure Suharto for not establishing a more democratic system. Since then the so-called "Group of 50", which includes retired military officers, politicians and academics, has

issued several statements alleging abuses of authority, deviations from the country's 1945 constitution and electoral malpractices.

In his latest statement, circulated this week, Nasution, as the sole signatory, appeals to the armed forces to consider what he describes as deviations from the constitution they are pledged to uphold. The statement takes the form of an open letter and 11-page memorandum addressed to the chairman of the house of representatives and the People's Consultative Congress (upper house).

In essence it reminds the military establishment that following the 1965 abortive Communist coup (in which Nasution himself narrowly escaped Communist assassination squads) it set out to correct the Sukarno administration's constitutional violations.

Now, according to Nasution, the Suharto administration is perpetuating itself in power by retaining emergency decrees and laws after a decade of stability, by retaining extra-constitutional bodies like the powerful Kopkamtib National Security Agency, and by a system under which a sole presidential candidate is elected by acclamation from a congress only 39 percent of which is directly elected.

"History teaches that every time there is a deviation from the spirit of the 1945 (independence) constitution there is a national disaster," Nasution wrote. It is difficult to estimate how much effect, if any, the statements of Nasution and his group will have on the electorate and the election. The local press is banned from publicizing these statements.

According to one Western ambassador: "An elder statesman of Nasution's stature is hard to suppress and must be a thorn in the government's side."

Nevertheless officials are confident this year's poll will be the smoothest and quietest of any to date and National Security Chief Admiral Sudomo assured businessmen at a lunch last week: "I would like to invite you to continue and increase your investment in Indonesia, where stability is guaranteed."

Indonesia's 82 million electors will vote for 360 members of the house of representatives on May 4, and a further 100 are presidential or government appointees.

All lower-house representatives are in the 920-seat congress, the majority of which is made up of appointees or members because of their jobs, such as regional administrators. It is congress which will choose the new president next year and if, as expected, it is Suharto to have ruled the country for 21 years by 1988 — longer than Indonesia's first President Sukarno.

More than half the governorships of the country's 27 provinces are occupied by serving or retired military officers as is half the cabinet. At the last general election in 1977 Golkar won 232 (64 percent) of the seats, the PPP won 99 seats (28 percent) and the PDI won 29 seats (eight percent).

Home Affairs Minister Amir Machmud has announced that some 43,000 Indonesians suspected of involvement in the 1965 coup attempt will not be permitted to take part in the poll. (R)

## Perez de Cuellar avoids political involvement

By Michael Littlejohns

UNITED NATIONS —

More than two months into the single term he says he will serve as U.N. secretary-general, Javier Perez de Cuellar is still cleaning house and avoiding serious political involvement. He dislikes travel and will not make his first trip abroad as U.N. chief executive until early April, and then, he says, only because he is obliged to preside over a periodic meeting of U.N. agency leaders in Rome.

While there, he may venture for the first time as secretary general into the political arena.

President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus and Rauf Denkash, leader of the Turkish Cypriot minority, are eager to meet him in Italy to talk separately about slow-moving efforts, under U.N. sponsorship, to resolve their differences. Perez de Cuellar is an expert on this subject, having served his predecessor, Kurt Waldheim, as U.N. representative in Cyprus. He would clearly like to see an accord reached during what he has said is his "first and final mandate."

Namibia (Southwest Africa) is another problem he hopes may yield to negotiations during his five-year term.

He has been urging the United States and four other Western members serving as mediators between South Africa, which rules the territory, and the nationalist guerrilla organization that seeks its independence, to get a move on. After early promise, progress has been agonizingly slow. Even the nucleus of the massive U.N. operation to arrange

free Namibian elections leading to independence has had to be disbanded.

Always suspicious of the U.N., South African authorities have accused Perez de Cuellar of bias following his ritual denunciation of apartheid and appeal for a Namibia settlement. But he remains optimistic about a favorable outcome.

In the Middle East, he believes that the U.N. must continue to have a significant role in peace-making, but there also he has refrained from risking his personal prestige or even from saying much in public about the Arab-Israeli conflict. So little, in fact, that some Arab delegates are said to feel he is too circumspect and that a little more support for their cause would not come amiss.

Since he took over from Waldheim on Jan. 1, Perez de Cuellar has emphasized his role as chief administrative officer, an aspect of the secretary generalship that his politically minded predecessor found little to his taste.

The new man inherited a dispirited staff, disaffected by years of governmental intrusion into personnel affairs. In his first days, he set about changing that situation, warning member states that staff matters are the secretary-general's prerogative and that appointments and promotions henceforth would be made on a basis of merit, not politics.

Women staff were especially unhappy with the Waldheim administration, which they regarded as sexist and discriminatory. Perez de Cuellar responded by appointing a woman assistant secretary-general, Lella Doss of Egypt, as director

of personnel and another assistant secretary-general, Margaret Anstee of Britain, as head of the appointments and promotions board.

He went on to name Lucille Mair of Jamaica to be the first ever woman to serve as undersecretary-general, the rank immediately below his own. And he promised there would be more women policy-makers.

Also, he indicated that he will institute the U.N.'s equivalent for women of the Affirmative Action Program initiated for black workers in the United States. "Particular measures are necessary to ensure that women are not blocked from advancing because of their gender," he told the staff.

His appointment of a black woman as undersecretary general is regarded as evidence of his will to change the system. Already, the promotion of women in professional posts is up to 32 percent of the total number of jobs at the New York headquarters.

U.N. agencies abroad continue to lag in this area and Perez de Cuellar has called for "most intense efforts to redress the imbalance in their male and female staff." He is expected to press the point when he meets the agency chiefs in Rome.

While the U.N. has a long way to go to meet the demands of women militants on the staff, many feel that the secretary general is on the right lines. Male career staff appears to be happy with his repeated warnings against government interference. He was reported to have delivered the warning personally to the Soviet delegate, Oleg Troyanovsky.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 13th, the 72nd day of 1982. There are 293 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1552 — France's King Henri II invades Lorraine; Turks invade Hungary.

1567 — Margaret of Parma, regent of the Netherlands, uses German mercenaries to annihilate 2,000 Calvinists.

1707 — Roman Empire agrees to Convention of Milan whereby French troops are to leave northern Italy.

1714 — Battle of Storkyro leads to Russian domination of Finland.

1861 — Russia's Alexander II is assassinated, is succeeded by Alexander III.

1900 — British forces under Frederick Roberts capture Bloemfontein, South Africa.

1920 — Wolfgang Kapp attempts pro-monarchist coup in Berlin.

1939 — Germans issue ultimatum to Czechoslovakia.

1942 — British bombers stage raid on Germany city of Cologne in World War II; Japanese troops land on Solomon Islands in Pacific.

1957 — Anglo-Jordan treaty of 1948 expires.

1971 — Quebec separatist Paul Rose is given life sentence in Montreal for his part in kidnapping and murder of Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte.

1974 — Oil-producing Arab countries agree to end their five-month-old embargo on petroleum sales to the United States.

1975 — Portugal's new military revolutionary council nationalizes almost all banks in that country except foreign ones.

1979 — Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin threatens to resign if his cabinet rejects Middle East peace treaty.

Thought for today:

To like and dislike the same things, that is indeed true friendship—Sallust, Roman scholar (83B.C.-34 B.C.)



## Pilots chase lightning, storms

## Weather team studies how mountains affect climate

By John Chadwick

GENEVA, (R) — Howard Ticknor, of Miami, Florida, is a man who goes looking for lightning. Snowstorms, hurricanes — whatever sort of weather means trouble — is where Ticknor aims his four-engined Lockheed 188 research plane. "It goes with the job," the former U.S. Air Force pilot said.

As part of a multi-national team which recently began a two-month weather probe based on Geneva airport, Ticknor now has the whole of the Alps, with all their climatic hazards, as his workshop.

The world Meteorological Organization (WMO) has launched this massive survey of Europe's biggest mountain chain in order to learn more about its weather patterns and what causes cyclones, heavy rains and snap

floods in the area of Europe dominated by the Alps.

WMO hopes thereby to improve its worldwide weather forecasts for mountainous areas. New knowledge gained in the Alps will also be used for the American Rockies, the Andes or the mountains of Tibet.

Ticknor, 49, is man for whom after 31 years flying a plane is as natural as walking. He is one of a team of skilled pilots who will

criss-cross the Alps at different heights to get the data.

Weather research flying is clearly an academic adventure. Years of probing thunderstorms for America's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have shown him that.

"We fly straight into lightning, the idea is to seek out the worst weather possible if that's what the scientist sitting in the back wants. He decides the nature of the mission."

"I was flying once in Norway when I was caught in the middle of a snowstorm. The rear of the plane was hit by lightning and when I got down I found the tail hinge bolts had melted away."

"Lightning can look pretty spectacular from the cockpit. Sometimes you see a bolt coming straight at you and you grip your seat-belt. Boy, it really hits. Without your belt you would jump straight out of your seat."

Ticknor smiles when asked if he likes living dangerously, although admitting: "occasionally a few rivets get popped up and lightning will punch small holes into the aircraft. But I never take chances with 17 or 18 scientists on board."

Some 19 European countries including the Soviet Union are taking part in "AlpeX" (Alpine experiment), which will utilize 17 planes, 11 ships in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas, an Earth satellite and a host of ground stations and buoys. Most of the men and equipment are provided by U.N. member governments.

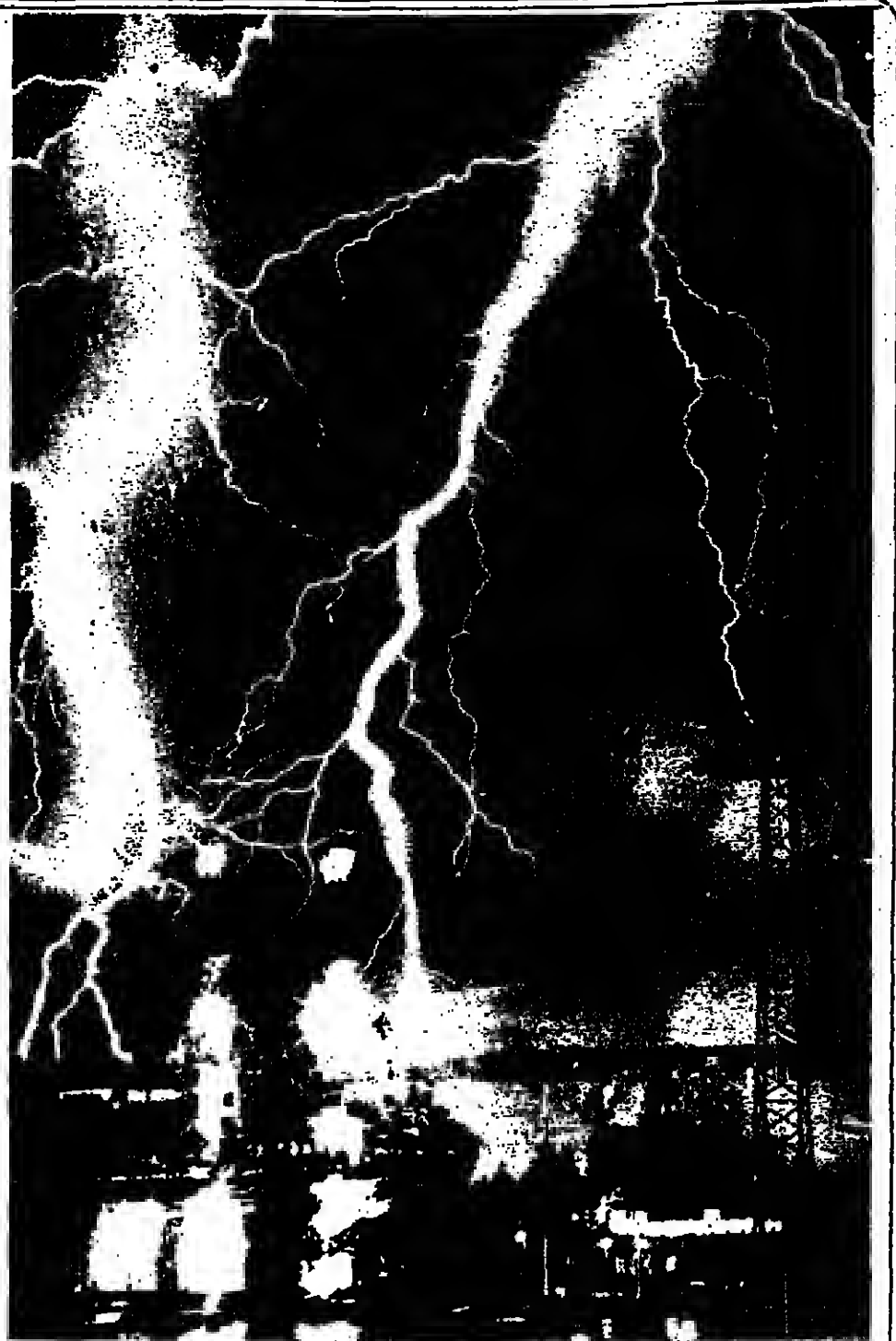
An official told reporters: "We chose the Alps, in spite of their modest size compared with the Andes, Rockies and the Tibetan range, because they produce most of the severe weather phenomena encountered in other mountain areas of the world."

Mountain complexes influence the climate on several scales, he said. On the planetary scale, they can change the airflow over a whole hemisphere, affecting weather worldwide.

On the next smaller scale — the cyclonic — winds pushed up and over mountains in their path cause powerful disturbances on the downstream side. This is particularly true in the Alps, resulting in the "genoacyclones" which have ravaged Alpine valleys in Italy and produced flood tides in coastal cities like Venice.

On the smallest scale, mountains cause local weather phenomena like the down-slope winds variously known as the "Mistral" in France, the "Foehn" in Bavaria, the "bora" in Yugoslavia and the "chinook" in the Rockies.

"The mechanism of these winds, reaching up to 208 kilometers (125 miles) an hour, is not yet fully understood," an AlpeX spokesman said.



LIGHTNING STRIKES: Unique photos like this are obtained by weather-watching planes which probe storm fronts and actually chase bad weather trying to learn more about it.

For this purpose, a vertical stack of aircraft will make co-ordinated traverses over the St. Gothard and Brenner passes, directly over lines of highly accurate ground pressure stations. A similar exercise will be carried out over the Dalmatian coast.

Lower altitudes will be flown by the two turbo-prop Lockheed airliners flown by Ticknor and his colleague Gilbert Summers of the U.S. Atmospheric Research Center in Boulder, Colorado.

A twin-engined Falcon executive jet provided by the West German Air and Space Research Institute, near Munich, will fly upper levels up to 40,000 feet (12,500 meters).

Four meter long "gust probes" stick out like lances from the noses of the planes and they are also fitted with downward-facing cameras for infra-red pictures of weather patterns.

## Doctor turned labor leader

## Bombay workers call Samant a hero; to industry, unions he is a villain

By Granville Watts

BOMBAY, (R) — A doctor turned trade union leader who still operates out of his old dispensary has mobilized Bombay labor, confronting big business with large wage demands and often winning.

Employers have dubbed him "strike wal-lah" and claim he employs thugs and fear to keep strike-breakers in line.

But workers who have benefited say that Dr. Datta Samant has done more for them than any of the traditional political parties or trade unions.

Dr. Samant is currently locked in a test of strength with Bombay's powerful textile manufacturers, which has resulted in the closure of the city's 60 mills and brought 250,000 textile workers out on strike for almost two months.

Dr. Samant, 49, said that the morale of the workers was high and he was confident that the mill owners would cave in and pay substantial wage increases.

But Kantikumar Podar, a leading textile mill owner and president of Bombay Merchants' Chamber, said the workers were wavering and predicted the strike would be over by the end of the month.

Podar said the Bombay mills had been badly hit by the strike, losing production of 200 million meters (218 million yards) of cloth, worth \$250 million, since the strike started on Jan. 18.

He said the mill owners refused to negotiate with Dr. Samant's union because they had an existing agreement, imposed under arbitration during the former Janata government, with the Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh Textile Workers Union.

## Pakistan plans farm revolution

ISLAMABAD, (PTI) — Pakistan's new planning chief hopes to copy India's green revolution with a billion dollar aid pact with Gulf countries. In an interview published here Dr. Mahbub ul Haq, designated as deputy chairman of Pakistan's planning commission, says he sees no reason why Pakistan cannot have as high farm yields as India.

Dr. Haq, who has resigned as director of policy planning, World Bank, said in Washington that he had informally discussed the possibility of a mutual assistance pact with some Arab leaders and found them "greatly interested".

Such a pact between Pakistan and the Gulf states can ensure "security" of food supplies to the latter in return for flow of development capital.

The Gulf states, Dr. Haq said, could advance funds worth a billion dollars or so either as loan or investment and become partners in a joint venture in the field of agriculture.

In return, the Arabs would achieve security of food supplies in real terms as also access to a fast growing market and the money could be paid back to them in three or four years in kind, he said.

The 250,000 textile workforce had left this union and flocked to Dr. Samant's Maharashtra Girmi Kamgar Union after he secured big wage increases for Bombay car and iron workers.

In the last year Dr. Samant has settled 600 separate wage disputes and says his union now has more than a million members.

Last month Bombay's Mukand Iron and Steel Company emerged from a prolonged closure only after it had conceded Dr. Samant's demand for a \$56 a month minimum wage rise.

In the Premier Automobiles Company, which has a labor force of 9,000, the minimum wage is now \$125 a month — high by Indian standards — compared with \$80 before Dr. Samant organized a strike there.

In gratitude, the auto workers donated about one dollar each to buy Dr. Samant an air-conditioned white premier car, which is now a familiar sight in Bombay's industrial belt.

Podar accused Dr. Samant's union of using muscle power and said workers at his own mill had been badly beaten when they tried to return to work.

The industrialist said the textile industry in Bombay was unable to meet Dr. Samant's demands for wage increases of about \$35 to \$50 a month. He said average monthly wages without benefits at the moment were about \$87 a month.

"Anyway we already have a recognized trade union with which we deal. We cannot have the law of the jungle," he said.

Millowners' association secretary R.L.N. Vijayanagar said recently that the textile mills were facing a financial crisis and were

unable to accept demands for higher wages because it would impose on them an additional annual burden of \$12 million.

Dr. Samant, however, maintained that the basic wages of the textile workers compared badly with other industries and about 30 percent of the workforce were part-time workers, getting only about 10 days work a month.

"When I was a doctor many of my patients were poor stone quarry workers who were getting only four rupees (50 cents) a day. I became interested in their cause and organized them," said Dr. Samant, who stopped practicing medicine in 1976.

"Our first meeting was attacked by thugs and there was police firing. I was assaulted, but the men got more wages. The stone-cutters now get 30 to 40 rupees (\$4 to \$5) a day."

Dr. Samant said he once supported Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, but was jailed by her government during the 1975 emergency rule for organizing labor agitation.

"I was in jail for one year and when I came out of prison the workers seemed to have more faith in me," he said.

Dr. Samant, who was detained twice for short periods last year under the government's National Security Act, said he had been jailed about 20 or 30 times.

He said he was not sure that he might land behind bars again, particularly if Mrs. Gandhi's government declared the Bombay textile mills an essential service and brought antistrike laws into force.

Dr. Samant, whose union so far operates only in Maharashtra and Gujarat states, said he had received inquiries from workers in other parts of the country and was interested in making his union nation-wide.

## Penguins are endangered by business plan

By Kenneth J. Freed

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (LAT) — The penguin is a bird of many uses. A mere glance at its loony waddle can cure depression; it is nature's perfect answer to the stuffed shirt. But now, some Argentine and Japanese entrepreneurs think the creature's skin may make the perfect glove and have proposed a two-year pilot project that would involve slaughtering nearly 100,000 of Argentina's penguins.

If the project succeeds, it will have overcome centuries of failure in efforts to find commercial uses for penguins. Their rubber-like and oily flesh has defeated the stewing pot, frying pan and oven, and there seems to be no commercial use for their short, greasy feathers.

It was as if the penguin — with its splay-footed walk, its upright stance, its head-waiver-like appearance and its friendly nature — could serve mankind best through its ability to make people smile.

But there won't be many people smiling at the way the Hinode Penguin Co. wants to do in the penguin. Opponents say the plans call for using clubs to bash in the heads of the birds in order to avoid marring the skin.

The method is the same as that used to kill baby seals in Canada and elsewhere. It was the example of the seal slaughter that caused the Argentine government in 1974 to issue a decree protecting penguins from hunting for either commercial or sport purposes.

The decree is an important factor in protecting the world's penguins, since Argentina, particularly its province of Chubut, is the home for millions of the birds.

But the national decree has a loophole. It



PENGUIN PROTEST: This group of penguins seems to be marching in protest. If they knew that Argentine businessmen plan to make them into oil and gloves they might turn and run.

allows the provincial governor to waive the ban temporarily if he believes that the slaughter would serve some essential purpose. The outcome could then be used to determine whether the national prohibition should be set aside or modified.

Officials of the newly formed Hinode Penguin Co. met recently with the governor of Chubut, Adm. Niceto Echauri Ayerra, and other provincial officials.

They argued that a pilot project of penguin slaughter would show that the commercial production of penguin-skin gloves and the use of oil from the bird to make food would greatly benefit the province and the nation.

Although the request is supposed to be studied at length, Chubut newspapers quote knowledgeable sources as saying the waiver is

all but assured.

In fact, Hinode leaders reportedly told some government officials that they already have authorization to capture 48,000 penguins per season for two seasons.

The firm said it is ready to spend \$120,000 to build a processing plant and to hire 40 people to carry out the killing.

Although Hinode officials say a major purpose of their work would be to extract oil from the birds for use in manufacturing protein for food, opponents of the plan say the real goal is to use the skin for high-priced gloves.

Company officials do not deny that they intend to use the skins for gloves, but they stress their claim that the most beneficial purpose would be for the oil.

They say penguin oil is rich in eight essential amino acids needed in producing protein for animal food and could even be used in manufacturing protein for humans.

Argentine environmentalists and other experts have cast doubt on this claim, saying that there is no shortage of amino acids and that penguin oil is of no greater value than more traditional sources.

But a technical debate over the relative values of amino acids is not likely to determine whether the penguins are killed. The methods of slaughter and the environmental and commercial impact are providing the main arguments.

The company says its methods are as humane and painless as possible. It also claims that the penguin is not an endangered species, a fact supported by the exclusion of the bird from an international convention that protects animals threatened with extinction.

In a report to the Chubut officials, Hinode executives maintained that the slaughter "will regulate the uncontrolled expansion and growth of penguins, which is progressing because of the gradual reduction and disappearance of seals" and other predators.

But opponents of the plan say that the shrinking of the seal herds proves their case. Adelino Narosky, a noted Argentine conservationist, pointed to the commercial slaughter of seals in Santa Cruz province as an example.

### SELF-SERVICING

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## The brain hungers for nourishment

# Boredom often caused by unrealistic expectations

By Blaine Harden

WASHINGTON (WP) — Boredom kills, and those it does not kill, it cripples, and those it does not cripple, it bleeds like a leech, leaving its victims pale, insipid and brooding. Examples abound.

**From science:** Worms trained to find water by crawling through a plastic tube soon get bored with the trick. Rather than repeat the simple-minded maneuver, they stop wiggling and die. Rats kept in comfortable isolation quickly become jumpy, irritable and aggressive. Their bodies twitch, their tails grow scaly. But when returned to their rat pals, their ills disappear.

**From history:** King Louis XIV. France's enlightened "sun king," was afflicted one summer in Holland with a deadly boredom. He'd gone up from Paris in 1673 to lay siege to a Dutch fortress, figuring the siege would take all summer. Instead, it lasted only 13 days. The king and his fractious entourage had time on their hands. With nothing better to do, Louis attacked a German city, infuriating the German and Spanish Hapsburgs, forcing them to take sides with the Dutch and prolonging a bloody war for five years.

The brain — whether a worm's, a rat's or a human's — needs something to chew on. At its simplest level, boredom is the brain's pained response to nothingness or to endless repetition. The discomfort of boredom, like the gnawing of an empty stomach, is the brain's way of saying it's hungry.

"It all goes back to the way the brain is constructed, with this constant need to reach out to the outside world," says Dr. Estelle Ramey, a professor of physiology and biophysics at the Georgetown School of Medicine and a longtime student of boredom.

**Keeping Busy Can Heighten It**  
Unfortunately, the human mind in a high-tech society, with endless options for distracting, entertaining and narcotizing itself can not escape boredom solely by keeping busy. The bounty and opportunities of American culture, if anything, heighten boredom by accentuating the differences between what Americans can attain and what they settle for.

**Ennui**, the fancy French word for being bored out of one's skull, emerged first among the nobility of Europe, who had every opportunity for material and intellectual glory —

lacking only the will to get up off their butts.

In affluent, egalitarian America, most people can now afford the fashionably stultifying misery of 19th century European gentility. Anticipating the bored American teenager who persists in cruising his suburb burning \$1.30-a-gallon gasoline, the bored, second-guessed bureaucrat who's given up hope of changing the world and settles for self-medicating himself with alcohol, and the bored working mother whose education trained her to think but whose job demands an even-tempered vacuity, the French thinker Senancour wrote in 1804 that boredom is inexorably bound to civilization: "Ennui is born of the opposition between what we imagine and what we feel, between the poverty of what is and the vastness of what we want."

Saul Bellow, in *Humboldt's Gift*, Americanized the idea: "boredom (is) a kind of pain caused by unused powers, the pain of wasted possibilities or talents, and (is) accompanied by expectations of the optimum utilization of capacities."

**TV Heightens Boredom**  
Television, the one-eyed beast blamed for

scourges ranging from immorality to declining college-admission test scores, has probably helped bring home boredom to America. It has done so by offering up a splendidly wrongheaded view of how one goes about living the good life.

A well lived, non-boring life can be compared to a healthful, nutritious diet. Not everything in the nonboring life is sweet; much of it, in fact, is rather boring. But it also is filled with ultimate purpose, which makes the tedium tolerable. Hard work and monotony, like spinach and brussels sprouts, are necessary evils on the way to a judiciously chosen goal. Once the goal is reached, it's time for a little dessert, perhaps some junk food. But U.S. television, in the diet of the mind, concentrates on junk food — youth, beauty, materialism, violence and sex (rarely love). Most network programming and, more important, network commercials, skip over the meat and vegetables: boring stuff like how to live a fulfilled, engaged life.

When a viewer compares his life and times to that of the Ewings of *Dallas*, where million-dollar deals are consummated before breakfast, he is bound to find himself dull. When the TV is turned off, real life — the boring real life where there's no free lunch — seems even more boring. If only a smidgen of this idyllic videoland value system infects the way Americans think (as it surely has), then the spread of boredom is guaranteed.

**Boredom At Root of Problems**  
Boredom, at the very least, helps breed some of America's uglier social trends. The rate of teenage suicide has more than tripled in the United States since 1955, and psychiatrists across the country lay part of the blame to boredom born of unrealistic expectations and frustration. Divorce condemns nearly half of all marriages, and marriage counselors report boredom as a major cause.

Boredom is a factor for shoplifters, many of whom can afford to buy what they steal; for industrial saboteurs, who throw wrenches into machinery to protest the numbing monotony of assembly-line work and for housewives who besiege doctors with mystery ailments and undergo unnecessary hysterectomies that give them the kind of attention and legitimacy that complaints about boredom cannot.

**Deterioration A Result Of Inactivity**  
There is considerable evidence that many Americans suffer from a boredom which, in the most literal way, amounts to what Kierkegaard called "sickness unto death." Healthy working men who are forced to retire frequently become despondent, their health declining faster than that of men who continue to work, according to Dr. Jay A. Winston of the Harvard School of Public Health. "Boredom contributes to a more rapid deterioration of whatever medical problems elderly people may have. They become enveloped in their health problems, whereas



**TREE MYSTERY:** The base of this tree located in a forest in Switzerland recently began disappearing a little at a time each night. A local nature-lover equipped with binoculars found that the tree was being eaten away by the sharp teeth of a family of determined beavers.

a person who is not bored could concentrate on other things," Winston says.

Across the United States, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. has found that prominent (and presumably less bored) men and women live far longer than men and women in the general population. In two national studies comparing the mortality of people listed in *Who's Who* to that of the general population, the life insurance company found that, for all ages combined, ordinary Americans were 30 percent more likely to die than men and women who excelled in their careers.

Indeed, boredom is so pervasive in American life, so deleterious to economic productivity and the general welfare, that one might wonder why the federal government has never tried to do anything about it. Lyndon Johnson's great society might have had a far wider reach if he'd chosen a different enemy, shifting the resources of the then-liberal state from a war on poverty to a war on boredom.

**Inflicting Boredom**  
Besides suffering and, in some cases, dying from boredom, human beings have the perverse knack of inflicting the curse on others. Lord Byron said the world can be neatly divided between "two mighty tribes, the bores and (their prey) the bored." Everyone remembers killer bores from dinner parties: women armed with detailed monologues highlighting the 14 surgical procedures performed on their cat. Men who explain, with elaborate gestures and step-by-step technical specifications, how they repaired the toaster — even as other guests nod off into their soup.

**Torturing Acquaintances**  
Any city with powerful people — people whose identity and self-confidence flows exclusively from their power — has the potential for great boredom. Washington has more than its share of pompous holders forth who, because of some connection with the White House, the Congress, the press or a fancy law firm, feel powerful enough to tor-

ture their acquaintances with self-serving "inside" information.

Even without its bores, Washington, the bureaucratic city, is suffused with boredom. Every working day, whether there is work to be done or not, tens of thousands of federal swivel chairs must be filled with human beings. Unknown thousands of bureaucrats regularly perform duties that insult their intelligence. They prepare reports no one will read; they execute laws congress forgot it wrote. Michael MacCoby, a psychologist and director of a Harvard University program that studies work in the federal bureaucracy, says the greatest source of boredom in bureaucratic Washington is chronic underuse of mid- and low-level employees: "There are many who come to Washington and aren't allowed to think, who are put in positions where they really can't use their ability."

**Crises Welcomed**  
In Jimmy Carter's White House, former speechwriter James Fallows remembers there was "a constant yearning for a crisis to manage." A crisis, Fallows says, was considered "so much more exciting and more fun than just business as usual. If you had a crisis to manage, you didn't need to think about what to do with your time."

There's a cyclical, inescapable pattern to the boredom of appointive bureaucratic work in Washington, according to Paul Jensen, a Carter appointee who served four years as executive assistant and counselor to Labor Secretary Ray Marshall. The first two years pass quickly, Jensen says, as the bureaucrat figures out how to do his job and luxuriates in his power. It's during the third year, Jensen says, that boredom strikes.

"The issues you see are all the same. They are absolutely predictable. Problems never seem to get solved. You know what the White House is going to say before it says it and that you are going to have the same problems with the committees on the Hill."

### SURGICAL OR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR STONES



## STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

Steinrohn

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**Dear Dr. Steinrohn:** I had a bad time with stones in my gall bladder. I suffered indigestion for years. I tried all kinds of conservative treatment until I couldn't stand the pain and gas after eating.

Finally, at the age of 56, I followed my doctor's advice and had my gall bladder removed. Within weeks I began to feel better, and have had little indigestion since.

But now my 30-year-old daughter has also been diagnosed as having gall bladder trouble. The doctor says she has one large stone.

Question: Can she do without operation if she takes the new medical treatment that dissolves gallstones? I don't want her to go along for years suffering unnecessarily as I did. — Mrs. C.

**Dear Mrs. C.:** I'll hedge, as I have to, and propose that your daughter's own doctor make the decision.

But I can tell you that treatment with chenodeoxycholic acid has its drawbacks. It takes months or years before stones are completely dissolved. The treatment is usually not effective in dissolving a very large solitary stone (as your daughter seems to have). After months of treatment, success is not guaranteed.

As you can see, Mrs. C., I'm not totally for or against. Proper judgment is required before making the choice between medical or surgical treatment.

### MEDICAL LETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

**Dear Dr. Steinrohn:** Suppose a person's arteries have been narrowed by atherosclerosis. Is there really any sense in trying to widen them by dissolving the fat in their walls? Can proper diet do it? — Mr. G.

**Dear Mr. G.:** It works in monkeys. Fat in artery walls has decreased and atherosclerosis apparently reversed. I hope it works as well in

humans. I don't know. But it's worth trying.

**Dear Dr. Steinrohn:** Our doctor is treating my mother, 81, for high blood pressure. But is he doing enough by simply prescribing diuretics? I should think stronger anti-hypertensive drugs would be more effective. — Mrs. T.

**Dear Mrs. T.:** Be thankful he's conservative. Anti-hypertensives should be used with caution in patients your mother's age. Besides, about half the elderly patients with high blood pressure can be controlled quite well with diuretics.

**Dear Dr. Steinrohn:** I need potassium in my diet. Which foods besides bananas contain high potassium? I'm getting tired of bananas. — Mrs. N.

**Dear Mrs. N.:** Potassium is abundant in many foods. Although a large banana contains close to 800 milligrams of potassium, a slice of watermelon contains 600, a medium-sized baked potato 500, a large orange over 450. Other foods containing potassium are spinach, apples, pears, tomatoes, grapefruit. I hope this greater choice relieves you from peeling bananas. Mrs. N.

**Dear Dr. Steinrohn:** I smoke a lot, I admit it isn't advised in pregnant women because it affects infants — especially their birth weight. But why is it so important if the baby weight a little less at birth? — Mrs. B.

**Dear Mrs. B.:** I'll give you one of many reasons: low-birth-weight babies have a higher infant mortality. Reason enough to quit?

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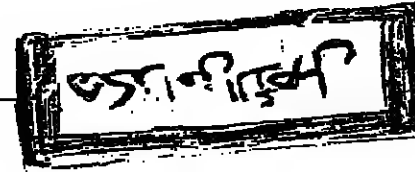
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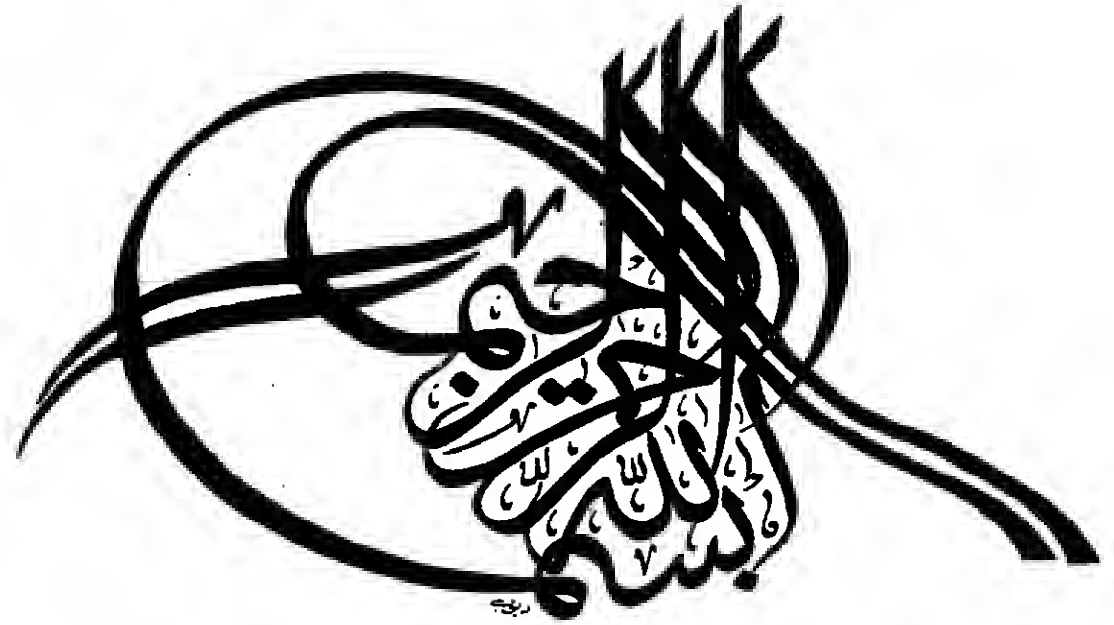


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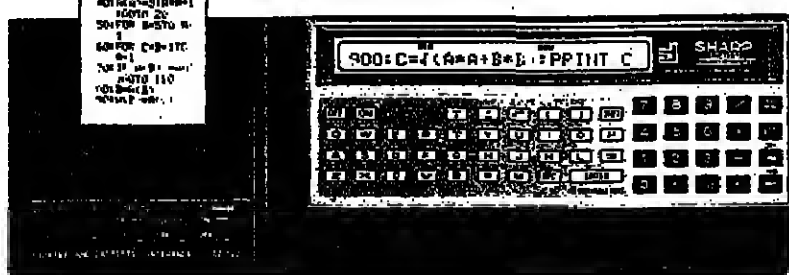


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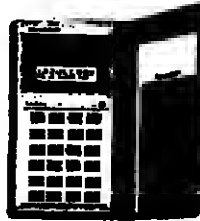


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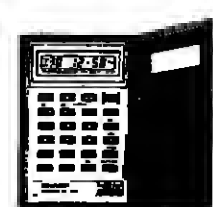
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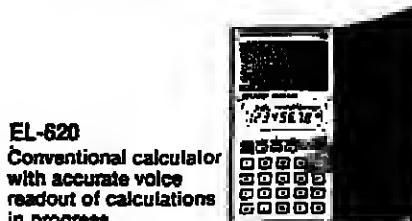


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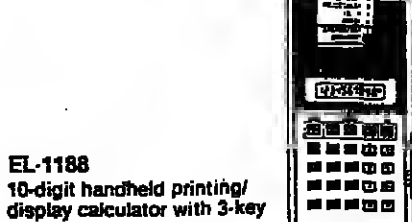
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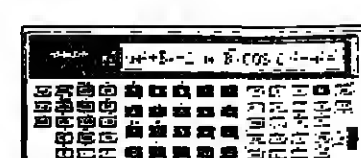


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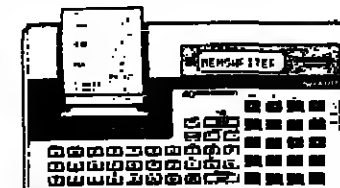
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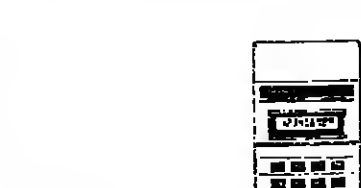
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## N-weapons freeze 'unverifiable'

## U.S. developing laser warfare

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — The U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is working vigorously on a space-based laser warfare system and has all the money it needs, the head of the defense department organization said.

Nearly \$150 million has been earmarked for space laser research in the proposed budget for the 1983 fiscal year, but there has been some sentiment in the U.S. Senate to boost this amount by as much as \$500 million to try to match reported progress by the Soviet Union in this field, the official said.

However, Robert Cooper, director of the agency, told the U.S. House of Representatives' Armed Services Research and Development Subcommittee: "I can assure you that we are moving that technology forward as rapidly as possible with the funds we

have today and that additional funding is not required."

The laser weapon would shoot intense beams of light through space to destroy satellites that provide early warning of a missile attack. It is part of an overall military laser research program on which Cooper said the United States has spent some \$1.6 billion since the early 1960s.

Meanwhile, the Reagan administration said Thursday a U.S. Soviet nuclear weapons freeze would be unverifiable, kill hopes for a reduction in nuclear armaments and put the United States at a military disadvantage.

The statement by Richard Burt, director of the State Department's office of politico-military affairs, was in response to a bipartisan congressional resolution introduced Wednesday calling on the superpowers to

agree to a nuclear weapons freeze.

Burt's comments expanded on those made Wednesday in opposition to the proposal by Secretary of State Alexander Haig. "The president and his entire administration share the concern felt throughout the world as to the danger nuclear weapons pose for mankind," Burt told reporters.

"That is why in his Nov. 18 speech, the president proposed equitable and verifiable agreements which will not just freeze current nuclear and conventional forces but actually significantly reduce them," he said.

While the administration understands the spirit that motivates the freeze efforts, adoption of that position "would freeze the United States into a position of military disadvantage and dangerous vulnerability," Burt said.

He said Moscow's defense investments have far outpaced Washington's over the past decade. "While we exercised substantial restraint, The Soviet modernization efforts have produced new weapons, including new generations of intercontinental ballistic missiles, directly threatening our nuclear deterrent," he said.

The congressional resolution reflects spreading concern around the country over the continuing superpower military buildup. On Tuesday, voters attending 21 towns meetings in New Hampshire endorsed a nuclear weapons freeze. Pro-freeze sentiment has been expressed in a number of state legislatures as well.

Burt said the administration "wants verifiable agreements that go beyond freezes to produce real reductions." The freeze proposal, which we don't believe is verifiable nor of course would it reduce nuclear weapons, is not only bad defense... it is also bad arms control."

Without the administration's strategic modernization program, there will not be a credible chance to negotiate a good strategic arms reduction agreement with the Soviet Union, he said.

On a related issue, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* charged Friday that the United States wants to use current intermediate-range missile reduction negotiations in Geneva to hide its plans to deploy new missiles in Europe. The U.S. position was "consciously directed not toward seeking an agreement, but toward the exact opposite goal," the newspaper said.

## Tories top opinion poll

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party has forged a four-point lead over Labor and the centrist Social Democrat-Liberal alliance in an opinion poll published by the *Daily Star* Friday.

The poll, coming after Tuesday's budget, was published two weeks ahead of a special parliamentary election in Glasgow on which the year-old SDP is pinning hopes of winning its first elected seat in the House of Commons. All its present legislators are defectors from the major parties, mainly Labor, who were elected on those parties' tickets.

The poll conducted Wednesday, showed that 37 percent of Britons questioned would vote Conservatives in a general election, a seven percent increase over the last month.

Labor stayed on 33 percent but the SDP-Liberal alliance dropped 4 points to 27 percent. The centrist coalition topped a poll last October with 40 percent.

Thirty-six percent said they thought Mrs. Thatcher was doing a good job, up from 30 percent last month. Labor leader Michael Foot polled 23 percent, up from 18 percent last month.

Meanwhile, the duke of Devonshire, one of Britain's wealthiest men, has quit the ruling Conservative Party to join the Social Democrats.

The 62-year-old duke, a former Conservative government minister and a nephew of former Premier Harold Macmillan, disclosed his defection Thursday. He is the most senior peer to join the SDP since its formation a year ago. The 34 other peers who support the centrist are almost entirely former Labor Party members.

The duke told reporters he knew Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's embattled Conservatives will view his defection as a betrayal but "one has to be what one thinks is right." Roy Jenkins, one of the SDP's co-founders, declared: "It was a characteristically courageous decision. We're delighted to have him."

The duke's defection was a boost to the SDP in the run-up to a special election in Glasgow's Hillhead district in which Jenkins, a former Labor government minister, is running for parliament.

## French national ballot to test Socialist regime

PARIS, March 12 (AP) — The Socialist administration of French President Francois Mitterrand faces its first nationwide popularity test during the next two weekends in elections for department (provincial) administrators.

An estimated 19 million voters are expected to cast ballots in the two rounds of voting this Sunday and March 21 for just over half of the nation's department administrators.

After the 23 years of conservative rule during which the elections were purely local affairs, both the Socialist government and the hastily organized opposition have chosen to make the elections a national fight.

The voting is also important because of a Socialist reform which gives the counselors elected from each canton (county) executive powers in running their department. Previously they simply executed the instructions which the prefect, or provincial governor, received from Paris.

The opposition will be aiming to show that the Socialists no longer enjoy the popularity that brought them the presidency last May and an absolute majority in the National Assembly in June.

Socialist party leader Lionel Jospin said

Wednesday that 28 percent of the vote "will be a success, below that will be a setback," adding he expected the figure would be reached.

Other leading Socialists say privately they expect the left to score about 52 percent — 32 percent for the Socialists, 15 to 17 percent for the Communists, and the rest to minor parties. This compares to the legislative elections last June in which the Socialists scored 37.51 percent and the Communists 16.17 percent.

French politicians traditionally have a power base built up from the grassroots, including posts of mayor and cantonal counselor as well as member of parliament. So the forthcoming elections see plenty of national figures standing, including Paris mayor and former Premier Jacques Chirac, former Premier Michel Debre and many ministers of the former regime.

The greatest surprise among the 7,500 candidates for 2,029 seats in France and its overseas territories was former conservative President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in a newly created constituency in his home town of Chamalières. Defeated by Mitterrand last May 10, his local election bid, certain to succeed, is seen as the first step in an eventual bid to win the presidency back in 1988.

## New mystery cloud detected

LARAMIE, Wyoming, March 12 (AP) — Scientists at the University of Wyoming say that a second, much higher "mystery cloud" has been detected by balloon soundings of the upper atmosphere.

Meanwhile, other scientists said a volcanic eruption believed to have caused a first "mystery cloud" of sulfuric acid particles may have occurred in the Mariana Islands in the Pacific. The first cloud was discovered several weeks ago circling earth.

Mount Pagan on the Northern Mariana island of Pagan erupted earlier this year, which would put it in the right period to have caused the first cloud, authorities say.

However, the newer cloud "is located at much too high an altitude to be explained by a volcanic eruption," said James M. Rosen, a UW physics professor.

The first cloud was first observed in late January between the equator and 50 degrees north latitude. The second was detected Feb. 5 over Wyoming.

"There is a growing suspicion that the island of Pagan may be a strong candidate

(for the first cloud)," Thomas E. Simkin of the Smithsonian Institution's scientific event alert network said in an interview with *The Los Angeles Times* printed Thursday.

Simkin said, however, that it was too early to say for sure that Mount Pagan was the cause of the cloud.

"It is possible that we might never have an answer," he said. Rosen said the second cloud is similar to the first but contains particles that are much higher, at twice the altitude — 20 miles — and more highly concentrated.

He said it is "a cloud of global proportions, rather than simple local disturbance." The particles of the upper cloud are so small and so high that it would be virtually impossible to detect them by aircraft or remote sensing techniques, he said.

UW's department of physics and astronomy used a balloon-carried condensation nuclei counter that can detect such ultra-fine particles at altitudes up to 100,000 feet, he said. "It's curious that it occurs simultaneously with the recently reported dust cloud at lower altitude," he said.

## Italian police torture denied

ROME, March 12 (R) — Italian Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni denied Friday that his police forces tortured Red Brigades suspects and said anyone who overstepped the bounds of duty would be punished. The minister, in an interview with the Milan daily *Corriere Della Sera*, was responding to a number of recent allegations by arrested guerrilla suspects.

"The struggle... is that of a civilized and democratic country and our duty toward respect of the law and civil rights will always remain. The forces of law and order know this," he said. "If these things have occurred, and we don't lack the means to find out, the response of the state can only be rigorous and severe," the minister added.

On Thursday a judge opened inquiries into torture allegations by Anna Rita Marina, a Red Brigades suspect arrested March 2, and Friday's issue of the leftist daily *Il Manifesto*

## U.S. senator in Abscam scandal quits

WASHINGTON, March 12 (R) — U.S. Sen. Harrison Williams, declaring he had done no wrong, submitted his resignation from the Senate Thursday to avoid expulsion for his part in a bribery scandal.

"I know I broke no laws," the New Jersey Democrat told fellow senators, his voice breaking. "I believe time, history and Almighty God will vindicate me." Republican leader Howard Baker, calling Williams' decision courageous, read the formal resignation, effective at the end of Thursday's Senate business.

Williams was convicted last May of bribery and conspiracy in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's so-called Abscam case, in which agents posed as Arab businessmen willing to buy influence in Congress. He was

printed a letter from another woman describing brutal treatment she allegedly suffered at the hands of the police.

In Venice, Pier Vittorio Buffa was freed Thursday after a court dropped charges against him for not revealing the sources behind an article he wrote for *Bianco E Nero* magazine alleging torture in Italian jails. The decision came after a radical party member of parliament and a police organization said in separate statements that they were Buffa's sources in the article, which appeared two weeks ago.

Buffa had said in his article that prisoners were submitted to "scientific beatings," followed by "salt-and-water treatments" and spent hours chained to electric heaters.

Members of the Italian Parliament's radical group said they would publish Monday a study on "torture and violations of civil rights in Italy" to distribute to other parliamentarians.

Williams told the Senate in an emotional farewell speech that the FBI agents framed him and said he would continue to fight as a private citizen "the wickedness and rottenness of this kind of an operation."

Nearly every senator was present and Williams told them that what happened to him could have happened to any of them. "If I could be targeted for observation, investigation and prosecution by this outrageous action," he said, "what is to prevent any senator from becoming a victim of bundling licenses conferred on law enforcement officers?"

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## Early poll in Spain said likely

MADRID, March 12 (Agencies) — Early elections appear increasingly likely in Spain, with persistent rumors that parliament is about to be dissolved, forcing the government to issue his second denial in just over a month.

On Jan. 26, Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, who took office 11 months earlier, admitted that he would have to call early elections as a last resort. He also made it clear he did not favor this solution. General elections are next due in Spain in March next year. Then three days later the government had to deny an imminent election, and reiterated the denial Wednesday.

But many observers believe that once safely over the hurdle of the trial of the alleged leaders of the February 1981 aborted coup, Calvo Sotelo might feel confident enough to call elections for June, immediately after elections to Andalusia's autonomous parliament, set for May 23. Others think the prime minister will take advantage of Spain's five-month summer parliamentary break to stay in office until November.

The latest setback for the government came on Thursday when it was defeated on a vote on autonomy for the Valencia region. Right-wing members of the ruling Democratic Center Party have threatened to withdraw support for the government, and with the breaking away last November of 10 deputies and six senators, Calvo Sotelo can now count only 151 votes in the 349-seat parliament.

Meanwhile, a Spaniard who taught medicine at the National University in Mexico City has been arrested for alleged connections with the Spanish Basque terrorist organization ETA, police said Thursday. A police bulletin said Justo Orrego Esquerro, 37, admitted under questioning he was a member of Erri-Batasuna, the Basque terrorist movement also known as ETA.

The bulletin said Orrego Esquerro's physical appearance and antecedents coincide with those of the internationally sought terrorist "Carlos," but reported he had been identified as a Basque and member of the ETA. Press reports in Mexico City speculated that the man was in fact Carlos, the Venezuelan-born French terrorist. But chief detective Fernando Sahagun Baca said it was not Carlos who had been arrested.

Orrego was originally arrested on a wife-beating complaint filed by his father-in-law Francisco Espana, the police said. But illegal possession of firearms and fake identity documents were later added to the charges against him. Sahagun Baca said police investigators found three pistols and a quantity of ETA propaganda in Orrego's possession, together with three forged passports.

Two of them were Mexican passports, allegedly issued in the Pacific coast resort of Zihuatanejo, and the third was Colombian. According to the police bulletin, Orrego told authorities that he has visited the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, China and other Communist bloc countries, including Cuba on four occasions. He also claimed to have visited Portugal, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador and Venezuela and said he had been arrested in France, England and Spain for his involvement in clandestine political activities, the bulletin said.

## Kenya denies involvement in Seychelles coup attempt

NAIROBI, March 12 (R) — Kenya has denied fresh charges of involvement in last year's mercenary-led attempt to topple the Seychelles government and challenged President Albert Rene to produce some evidence. (See related story on page 20)

The government published a statement Friday accusing Rene of trying to pre-empt the outcome of a report from a United Nations commission of inquiry on the abortive coup. The commission was formed after a battle for Seychelles International Airport between white mercenaries and local troops last Nov. 25.

The statement followed an interview on Wednesday in which Rene was quoted as saying that Kenya's Minister for Constitutional Affairs Charles Njonjo and police chief Ben Gethi were deeply implicated in the plot. Denying any involvement in the affair, the

government's chief secretary, Jeremiah Kiereini, said: "The Kenya government has nothing to hide in the matter."

He added: "If President Rene has additional information available to him, it would only be fair for such information to also be made available both to the U.N. commission of inquiry as well as to the Kenya government."

Forty-three alleged mercenaries, accused by Seychelles authorities of taking part in an abortive coup there and then fleeing to South Africa, are on trial in Pietermaritzburg. South Africa, charged with hijacking an Air-India airliner from Mahe to Durban. Allegations of Kenyan involvement in an attempt to overthrow the left-wing government of the Seychelles were first made by a mercenary captured in the Indian Ocean island archipelago after the fighting.

## U.N. withdraws Asia survey

BANGKOK, March 12 (R) — A United Nations agency has bowed to pressure from three Communist governments and Burma and has withdrawn from circulation its annual economic survey of Asian and Pacific countries, diplomats said Friday.

The countries charged separately that the survey, prepared by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, was distorted, opinionated and incorrect. The survey covering countries from Iran in the west to the Pacific islands in the east was issued on March 7.

In a brief statement the agency said the survey, prepared for its annual ministerial conference, was being revised. Vietnam was "incensed" over the agency's reference to worsening economic difficulties caused directly by its December 1978 invasion of

Kampuchea and the continued presence of its troops there, the diplomats said.

It also protested about a statement that Vietnam depended on foreign aid for its economic development. The U.N.-recognized but ousted Khmer Rouge government objected to critical references to its agricultural collectivization program during its three-year rule and to the economic achievements of the Vietnamese-installed Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh, the diplomats said.

Mongolia took exception to an assertion that industrial growth last year fell short of planned targets and Burma disputed an assertion that its oil production fell in 1980 because of "mismanagement" of the fields by a Japanese firm, they said.

## Jailed spy says he worked for U.S.

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, March 12 (AP) — Joseph G. Helmich Jr., sentenced to life imprisonment after he admitted U.S. military secrets to the Soviet Union, says he has written a book that tells the real story — that he was working for a U.S. agency all along. Helmich made the claim in a letter to *The Florida Times-Union*, the newspaper reported Thursday.

"I was never a traitor, nor did I ever do anything I wasn't asked or directed to do. Things aren't always what they seem to be," Helmich said.

He said he has written a soon-to-be published book detailing "many assignments that I was directed to perform for this agency in France, Mexico, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, New York, North Carolina and, of course, Ottawa."

Helmich, 44, blamed his conviction on the fact that "he was simply caught out of bounds" and rivalries, invasion of franchise of another agency, coupled with paranoia and a desire to cover up by my own control made me a scapegoat." He did not name the publisher or title of the book.

Helmich, now serving a life sentence in prison for conspiracy to deliver defense secrets to the Soviet Union, said he hopes to publish the book on July 15, the anniversary of his arrest at Jacksonville beach on espionage charges. Helmich interrupted his Jacksonville trial last September to plead guilty to one of four counts, which alleged that the former U.S. army warrant officer gave Soviet agents a secret cipher machine, code lists and instructions in Paris in 1963 and 1964.

## BRIEFS

ATHENS, (R) — A home-made time bomb exploded in Athens cathedral early Friday causing extensive damage to icons, police said. An unknown organization calling itself "Iconoclast Nihilists" telephoned to newspapers to claim responsibility for the blast.

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Ugandan vice president Paulo Muwanga welcomed the head of a 36-man Commonwealth military training team and disclosed that Egypt has also offered to train Ugandan soldiers. Radio Uganda reported Friday.

NEW YORK, (AP) — Roone Arledge, president of ABC News, will become a member of the board of directors of the

Associated Press on April 27. Arledge succeeds William Leonard, recently retired president of CBS News.

MIAMI (R) — A Cuban exile leader said Thursday that anti-Castro commandos assassinated a trusted associate of President Fidel Castro near Havana last month. Gustavo Marvin, chairman of the Abdala Cuban Movement, told a press conference that sources inside Cuba had sent out information on the killing of Jose Morales Mesa and two of his bodyguards in an ambush.

NEW DELHI (AP) — A Centaur rocket blasted off a southern India space launch center Sunday to study the chemical composition of equatorial atmosphere, the United Nations of India reported. The study program has jointly been sponsored by India, West Germany and Austria.

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PHILADELPHIA HOLDUP: A policeman stands over the body of a slain mailman who walked into a tavern in Philadelphia Thursday. The tavern, Smokin' Joe's Corner, is owned by Joe Frazier, former heavyweight champion. Three persons, including the mailman, were killed in the holdup.

## Boxing champ's men gunned down

PHILADELPHIA, March 12 (AP) — Two employees and a postman were shot to death Thursday during a holdup by two gunmen who stormed the restaurant owned by former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier, police said.

The gunmen herded four employees into a meat locker and then tried to open the safe by firing at it. They returned to the locker and killed two of the employees, said the city's chief homicide inspector, Frank Scafield. The mailman happened to walk in during the holdup and was gunned down in the doorway, Scafield said.

The holdup occurred while the restaurant, Smokin' Joe's Corner, was closed during the afternoon. It was not known how much money, if any, the gunmen got away with. The dead employees included a man and a woman.

Frazier, a Philadelphia native, was at his local gymnasium. Informed of the shootings by a reporter, he left immediately for the restaurant. Frazier later returned to the gym. Frazier and several partners opened the restaurant in December 1980. It specializes in ribs and steaks.

## Third child strictly forbidden for Chinese

PEKING, March 12 (AP) — Some Chinese families will be allowed to have a second child under special circumstances, but a third child definitely is not permitted, a new Communist Party and government instruction says. It also calls for economic measures and disciplinary action against those who persistently ignore family planning policy.

China currently is insisting on only one child per family in an effort to slow and eventually reverse population growth in this

nation of one billion people.

The newspaper *Guangming Daily* reported Thursday that the new instruction provides for some families with practical difficulties to apply for permission to have a second child.

The instruction stresses the importance of health care for pregnant mothers and education in child rearing to insure the growth of sound, healthy children and constant improvement in the quality of China's population, the *Guangming Daily* said.

## Times editor reportedly asked to quit

LONDON, March 12 (R) — Award-winning editor Harold Evans refused to comment on widespread press reports Friday that Australian press magnate Rupert Murdoch was pressing him to resign from *The Times* newspaper. But while Evans pronounced Friday's edition of the newspaper from his first floor office, *Times* journalists said he was asked twice to resign but had refused. And, the journalists said Evans was refusing to let his deputy editor and rumored successor, Charles Douglas Home, into his office.

Report of a fresh crisis at Britain's oldest daily newspaper appeared only hours after the new proprietor, Murdoch, said trade union agreement on staff cuts had saved both *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* from closure.

Murdoch, who installed Evans as editor a year ago after buying the *Times* newspapers from the Thomson Organization, flew to New York Thursday refusing to confirm or deny reports that he had dismissed him. "You must ask Harold Evans," Murdoch told reporters at London airport. "It's not for me to say anything. I'm not the one to ask."

Only last month, Evans was named Britain's editor of the year in a list of television company awards. The 53-year-old son of an engine driver took over the prestigious editorship of *The Times* of London after editing its sister paper, *The Sunday Times*, for 17 years. After Evans said he had no comment on his future at the 187-year-old newspaper, some *Times* journalists were signing a petition on his behalf.

But other London morning newspapers reported that some long-serving *Times* journalists supported Douglas-Home, an old Elionian and nephew of former British Prime Minister Sir Alexi Douglas-Home.

The circulation of *The Times* has risen from 274,000 to more than 300,000 since Evans was appointed. He has steered the traditionally establishment newspaper toward a bolder approach to news. But there have been persistent reports of conflicts at the influential newspaper once dubbed "the thunder." Last month Murdoch threatened to close both *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* unless trade unions agreed to staff cuts.

The two newspapers have been losing 12 million sterling (nearly \$22 million) a year, Murdoch said Thursday that the closure threat had been lifted because of an agreement under which 360 workers at the newspapers would lose their jobs immediately and that by September a total of 1,000 jobs would have gone.

## Vietnamese demand release of fishermen

BANGKOK, March 12 (AP) — Vietnam Friday demanded the release of all Vietnamese fishermen and fishing boats held by China. A Vietnamese News Agency (VNA) communique monitored in this Thai capital referred to "repeated kidnappings" of Vietnamese fishing boats and their crews in "Vietnamese territorial waters."

The communique rejected a recent report in the Chinese *People's Daily* that a Vietnamese "spy" ship had been captured with ten sailors on March 4 near the disputed Paracels, a scattered island archipelago about equidistant from Vietnam and China.

China occupied most of the Paracels in 1974 shortly before the collapse of South Vietnam. Vietnam regards the occupation as illegal.

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## Backlash of West's recession

## Japan's GNP dips first time in 6 years

TOKYO, March 12 (AP) — Japan's real, or inflation-adjusted, gross national product (GNP) fell for the first time in six years during the last three months of 1981, the Economic Planning Agency (EPA) said Friday.

Faced with sluggish domestic demand and a recession among its Western trading partners, Japan's real GNP fell 0.9 percent in the October-December quarter compared to the previous quarter.

The last time real GNP dropped was during the January-March quarter of 1975, when the economy sagged on sharply rising oil prices.

EPA officials said the worsening recession in the major industrial countries was the main

## French curbs irk Japan

TOKYO, March 12 (AFP) — Japan may appeal to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) unless France lifts its restrictions, imposed at the beginning of February, on motorbikes of less than 50cc's, the financial daily *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* reported here Friday.

The French government has said that 1981 imports of Japanese motorbikes in the under 50cc category tripled compared with 1980, the paper recalled. It forecast, however, that as a result of the restrictions the level would fall to 18,000 units this year, as against 28,000 last year.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) considered that the French measure "unilaterally contravenes GATT regulations."

Unless France reacted to the Japanese protest, Tokyo was considering invoking GATT article 23, as it did last year when Austria decided to limit imports of Japanese videotape recorders, the paper said.

## Airlines urged to end fare war

ABIDJAN, March 12 (R) — World airline chiefs were urged to cooperate to end fare wars which have cost their companies billions of dollars over the past two years.

The call came from International Air Transport Association (IATA) director-general Knut Hammarstrand at the opening of an executive committee meeting of the body grouping 116 airlines.

Speaking of current financial difficulties facing airlines, whose total cumulative losses are said by airline sources to have reached just under \$2.5 billion over the past two years, he said there must be cooperation among them "which is the main aim of our association."

"Our aim... is to coordinate on a vast scale our collective and individual efforts to reduce operating costs and increase our companies' financial returns," he said.

The sources said the 22-member executive committee was assessing a three year strategic plan to reduce operational costs on major routes and fill more seats.

Hammarstrand did not mention the fare war on north Atlantic routes but the sources said his message of increased cooperation was a plea to end the war which led to Britain's Laker Airways calling in a receiver last month.

The sources said the war has also spread to most European routes where airlines are competing to fill seats.

reason behind the drop, which had been anticipated. While domestic demand showed a growth figure of 0.4 percent, exports and other overseas factors represented a 1.3 percent negative growth during the period.

In the current fiscal year, the pace of growth of Japan's economy has been gradually slowing down. In the first quarter of the fiscal year, April-June 1981, GNP growth was at an annualized rate of 4.9 percent. This slowed to 0.6 percent in the second quarter and fell in the latest accounting period.

The government in January had pledged a 4.1 percent real growth in the current fiscal year ending March 31, but the latest statistics have made that goal an extremely difficult one to attain, officials have said.

## N. Korea steps up oil search

TOKYO, March 12 (R) — North Korea, a country with no known oil deposits, is looking to offshore areas as a possible source of crude to reduce its dependence on imports from the Soviet Union and China, according to specialists monitoring developments there.

Analysts in Tokyo and a U.S. oil company executive say Yugoslav experts have been helping with the search, concentrated off the Korean peninsula's northwest coast.

This is to the east of Bohai Bay off China, where Chinese engineers are currently active in underwater drilling.

The Joint Research Center of International Relations (JRCIR), which has been publishing periodicals on North Korea since 1972, and which is headed by former Japanese ambassador to South Korea Augustin Masahide Kanyama, estimates that Pyongyang now imports four million tons of oil a year.

According to the institute, North Korea imports one million tons of crude and oil products from the Soviet Union and another one million tons of crude from China. The rest comes from Burma, Algeria, some Middle East countries and Iran, it says.

## U.S. uranium industry's outlook dim

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — The U.S. uranium industry, dragged down by the flagging nuclear power industry, faces a difficult time in the next few years, Congress was told Thursday.

"The industry has over production capacity and must reduce production in order to be in better balance with demand," Shelby Brewer, assistant energy secretary for nuclear power, told the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

"The adjustment must be made primarily because of the reductions in uranium demand and falling prices resulting from nuclear power reactor construction delays, cancellations, and lack of new reactor orders," he said.

"This situation has caused some producers extreme economic hardship and will cause continued economic difficulties over the next few years."

The U.S. nuclear power industry ran into the same problem. Faced with skyrocketing costs of the plants and falling demand for energy, many utilities are putting off their earlier plans to build nuclear plants. In the past three years, 30 planned nuclear plants have been shelved.

Uranium production this year will fall to about 15,500 tons, compared to 19,000 tons last year and the record production of 21,850 tons in 1985, Brewer told the panel.

Since U.S. utilities will need only about 15,500 tons a year throughout the coming

## IMF records 5% increase in reserves

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AFP) — The reserves, excluding gold, of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) members rose only by five percent last year, the smallest increase since 1973, the IMF has announced here.

In the latest issue of its monthly bulletin *IMF Survey*, the fund said the average annual growth rate of the reserves was 16 percent between 1974 and 1980. The survey showed that the total reserves at the end of last year stood at 372,000 million Special Drawing Rights (about \$384,000 million).

Industrialized countries accounted for 185,200 SDR's (\$209,000 million), oil exporting countries for 80,000 million SDR's (\$ 90,400 million), and non-oil exporting developing countries for 69,500 SDR's (\$ 78,500 million).

Other North Korea watchers here, including Choe Suh Myun, head of a South Korea private institute called the Tokyo Institute for Korean Studies, said most imported oil was thought to be consumed by the North Korean military with not enough for civilian use.

Diplomatic sources in Tokyo said Pyongyang was trying to reduce its present total dependence on imports in line with its policy of increasing self-sufficiency in various economic areas.

They said the North Korea also wanted to limit its heavy dependence on Moscow and Peking for oil supplies as it tried to expand relations with other countries.

Pyeongyang has been adopting an equal diplomatic stance toward Moscow and Peking since the outbreak of ideological disputes between China and the Soviet Union in the early 1960s.

North Korea's main energy sources are coal from its rich deposits and hydro-electricity. American oil expert G.L. Fletcher told and international energy conference in Singapore in late February that North Korea was "a surprise entry into the ranks of oil explorers."

decade, there is little prospect for increased domestic sales. Employment in the industry has fallen from 22,000 people three years ago to about 15,000 now.

The Reagan administration wants to help the industry, in part, by increasing the foreign sales of U.S. enriched uranium to non-Communist countries, but is running into stiff competition, Brewer said.

In 1974, the United States had 100 percent of the non-Communist market for enriched uranium, which is used to fuel nuclear reactors, but that share has now fallen to 35 percent.

The Soviet Union and several European nations, including France and West Germany, have cut deeply into the U.S. market, Brewer said.

## Lead mining falls by 3.4 percent

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — World lead mining and refined production in 1981 declined 3.4 and 4.4 percent respectively from the year before, the International Lead and Zinc Study Group has said.

Consumption of refined lead was down 3.2 percent. Lead, which in previous years was in shortage, now is in a slight surplus owing to the world slump, especially in the car industry which uses lead in batteries.

## U.S. seeks allies' aid to tighten Soviet curbs

LONDON, March 12, (R) — Frustrated by lukewarm Western sanctions over Poland, the United States is seeking joint action to make the Soviet bloc dig deeper into scarce hard currency reserves.

The Reagan administration believes West European governments, eager for trade with the East, are indirectly helping a Kremlin military build-up by giving Moscow soft loans that allow funds to be diverted to armaments.

A U.S. mission is visiting Bonn, London, Paris, Rome and Brussels next week in hopes of tightening lending rules which allow Communist countries to borrow heavily in the West to help shore up their sagging economies.

The talks will also focus on U.S. efforts to stiffen economic and other sanctions against the Soviet Union and Poland over the imposition of martial law by the Polish government.

West European diplomats say both issues present major problems, and that there is now a wide "conceptual" gap between Washington and other NATO capitals over East-West trade.

President Reagan is holding up a decision on whether to enforce new sanctions over Poland until U.S. Undersecretary of State James Buckley returns from next week's consultations. U.S. and other Western officials say that, with little hope of getting all 15 NATO allies to agree on sanctions that really bite, the U.S. is now concentrating on making it tougher and costlier for Communist states to borrow hard currency.

This would be a shift in Western political strategy that some European politicians are reluctant to make.

For years the West has operated on the theory that East-West trade, apart from

## To thwart military buildup

## U.S. seeks allies' aid to tighten Soviet curbs

being profitable, had a political spinoff as a level in persuading Moscow to moderate its policies.

Reagan aides now say this assumption was torpedoed by Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in 1979 and by Soviet pressure on Poland, leading to martial law last December.

The combined Soviet bloc owes the West about \$80 billion and spends one-third of its export earnings on repayments and interest charges.

U.S. concern focuses primarily on the \$10 billion that West European banks plan to invest to help build a 2,800-mile (4,500 km) pipeline to carry Soviet gas to Western Europe. Administration economists believe the Soviet economy will get a powerful boost when it sells the 40 billion cubic meters of gas due to flow annually from Siberia, starting in 1984.

European diplomats say the U.S. now appears to have given up after a long effort to get West Germany, France, Italy and other Western countries to pull out of the project. West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, after talks in Washington, this week, expressed confidence that Washington would learn to live with the pipeline.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig said afterward that the U.S. could do nothing to halt the pipeline, and that efforts to delay it would be damaging to Western alliance unity. But there is still a threat that Reagan, who has already banned U.S. equipment supplies for the pipeline, will try to stop European firms and European-based U.S. subsidiaries filling the gap by selling urgently-needed turbines and compressors.

French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert says the pipeline could be held up for

two years if equipment is blocked. Other Western officials predict the U.S. will be forced to back off also on European equipment because of legal complications. The U.S. holds that Western Europe could become dangerously dependent on Soviet gas, and that Moscow's multi-million-dollar earnings from gas sales will help cushion the Soviet economy from strains caused by a record military build-up.

Washington is pressing for closer long-term liaison so that no Western country gives Moscow preferred credit. It says French loans for the gas pipeline are "ridiculously soft," on terms roughly half the usual 10-11.25 percent interest rates.

The U.S. has already succeeded this year in getting other NATO nations to tighten controls on strategic exports. "It's in Western interests to keep the Soviet Union weak," a senior European-based U.S. diplomat says. But West German officials dispute the U.S. argument that cash earned by Moscow from trade is a military boon.

They say the Kremlin has dipped hard into export earnings and has had to seek extra credits to help pay for nearly two million tons of U.S. grain bought since mid-February. Although Reagan halted talks on a new grain agreement because of the Polish crisis, the Soviet Union is still free to buy stocks under an existing accord.

The president, who lifted a grain embargo imposed after Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, has said he will use this weapon again only if there is a much wider trade crackdown.

European diplomats claim there is virtually no chance of sanctions that could seriously hurt East-West trade unless the U.S. bars grain sales, and they do not expect this to happen.

## ESCAP draws Vietnam fire

BANGKOK, March 12 (AFP) — The United Nations annual report on Asia and the Pacific, released here a week ago, is being revised following protests by Vietnam about pages dealing with its economic situation, a U.N. spokesman said.

The spokesman, confirming earlier reports by diplomatic sources in this Thai capital, attributed the need for modification to "human error." The report is published annually in Bangkok just before the yearly session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

ESCAP members include Vietnam, the ousted Cambodian Khmer Rouge regime (still recognized by the U.N.), China and the Soviet Union, a fact that leads to sharp exchanges in the annual discussion.

This year, Vietnam found the two-and-one-half pages devoted to its economic situation "negative," and scored the first point by obtaining the desired changes.

The Vietnam section of the 319-page "Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1981" said that "economic difficulties became worse as a result of Vietnam's involvement with a neighboring country's security and economic rehabilitation" — a direct allusion to Vietnamese intervention in Cambodia.

The report said also that Australia and Japan "canceled their aid when Vietnam became involved in the affairs of democratic Kampuchea" — the implication being that if Vietnam had not intervened in Cambodia it might still be receiving economic aid from countries outside the Soviet bloc.

The report described a Vietnamese economic situation near catastrophe, with serious shortages in food, industrial and other products.

## Takeover of Marathon approved

FINDLAY, March 12 (AP) — Stockholders of Marathon Oil Co. voted Thursday to approve a \$6.2 billion merger with U.S. Steel Co., the second-largest corporate takeover in history.

More than two-thirds of the common stock voted at a special stockholders meeting was cast in favor of the merger, officials of an independent accounting firm which tallied the votes told Marathon president Harold D. Hoopman.

More than 330 stockholders attended the session at the Findlay headquarters of the United States' 17th-largest oil company. The size of the merger is topped only by the \$7.8 billion acquisition of Conoco Inc. by Dupont Inc. last year.

During a stormy shareholders meeting early in the day, Hoopman vigorously defended the merger, saying U.S. Steel made the best offer to fend off a Mobil Corp.

## Shell's earnings decline by 20%

LONDON, March 12 (R) — The Royal Dutch/Shell group, the world's second biggest oil company, announced that its net income fell by about 20 percent in 1981 although, when technical adjustments were made, performance was about the same.

Sir Peter Baxendale, vice-chairman of the managing committee, told a news conference Thursday, the results were satisfying in a year when demand for petrol and other refinery products plunged but crude oil costs were high.

The group, which employs 160,000 people, reported 1981 net income at 1,797 million sterling (\$3.18 billion) compared with 2,225 million sterling (\$4 billion) in 1980.

But when accounting adjustments were made for currency changes and the altered value of crude oil stocks, underlying income for 1981 worked out at 1,514 million sterling (\$2.72 billion), only slightly down on the 1980 figure of 1,545 million sterling (\$2.78 billion).

## WFP plans food bank for Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, March 12 (AFP) — The World Food Program (WFP) is to set up a food security reserve for Ethiopia amounting to 180,000 tons over the next four years, reports here have said.

The WFP and the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission signed an agreement here Thursday paving the way for the establishment of emergency grain reserves in strategic locations throughout the country.

The plan aims at providing a temporary food bank in the event of grain shortages because of drought or other natural hazards.

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## At OECD parley

## West-U.S. policy row surfaces

PARIS, March 12 (AFP) — Sharp differences between the United States and its Western partners and Japan over economic policy, high interest rates and the gyrating dollar marked high-level monetary talks here on the eve of French President Francois Mitterrand's departure for Washington Friday.

They fell short of agreeing on a joint Western stand for upcoming discussions with developing nations on monetary problems, reliable sources suggested.

The "big seven" — Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States — were all present when some of the key problems that have recently soured trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific relations were brought up in two high-powered monetary bodies that met here over the past two days.

Participants said growing Western European and Japanese concern over the external impact of the Reagan administration's economic policies, blamed for soaring interest rates and what is seen as an overvalued dollar, surfaced in discussions between senior treasury officials and central bankers in working party no. 3 (WP3) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The panel also comprises the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

Sources said by now "customary" differences of emphasis between the U.S. and some of its key partners re-emerged when the same set of officials "changed hats" to meet as deputies of the finance ministers of the group of ten (G-10). This is the Western caucus in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, where Belgium is seated instead of Switzerland.

Both meetings were indirectly part of the run-up to the Versailles summit. The WP3 talks precede the mid-May OECD annual ministerial conference, and Thursday night's

G-10 session was part of efforts to clear the ground for IMF and World Bank talks that will bring together finance minister of rich and poor nations in Helsinki, Finland, around the same date.

Neither meeting held out much hope of any marked change in U.S. attitudes by the time Reagan meets his six partners at Versailles, senior European officials conceded. "There is a dominating economy. That's a reality," one of them commented in private.

The common complaint of America's partners in the secretive WP3 clearly was that the recovery they desperately need to turn the tide of mounting unemployment stands to be further delayed because U.S. policy puts

## 3-fold rise seen in coal output

GENEVA, March 12. (R) — World coal output will rise sharply, perhaps threefold, by the year 2000 and coal will then begin overtaking oil as the world's main energy source, an International Labor Organization (ILO) report said Friday.

The ILO coal mines committee said events in the energy market had unequivocally confirmed coal's importance as the primary energy fuel and the industry was being reborn. In early 1980, oil supplied over half the total energy needs of the main industrial nations, the report said.

By the turn of the century, oil's share would have dropped to about a third and coal would be accounting for 37 percent of the world energy supply. By the year 2030 oil's share would be down to about 18 percent, with coal accounting for between 33 and 38 percent and nuclear energy 26 to 28 percent.

The report said during the next 20 years world coal production should increase by 2.5 to three times and international coal trade by

domestic concerns ahead of the realities of the much-quoted notion of global interdependence.

But the U.S. delegation head, Treasury Undersecretary Beryl Sprinkel, considers fighting inflation as the top priority, in the U.S. and elsewhere. He argued here that high interest rates, recession and unemployment have inflicted as much hardship on the U.S. as on others, and made it clear that President Reagan has no intention of changing tactics.

Developing nations are bound to join the Europeans in pressing for lower interest rates at the May 12-14 Helsinki monetary meetings, observers said. Their debt service burden has risen sharply in the past two years.

10 to 15 times over the 1979 level. Developments in the combustion, gasification and liquefaction of coal would meanwhile make the industry more environmentally acceptable.

The ILO forecast coal's share in the U.S. energy market would grow rapidly to meet 31 percent of total energy demands by the year 2000. Rapid growth of the industry was also predicted in both West and eastern Europe, Latin America and Asia.

"The eastern European and Asian countries now account for more than 50 percent of world coal use. By the year 2000 these countries expect to double their coal production, while endeavoring to develop other primary energy sources," it added.

## London stock market

LONDON, March 12 — The market was mixed with an easier bias as the account ended on a quiet note, dealers said. The financial Times index at 1500 hours was down 1.2 at 566.7.

Conventional government bonds ended between 1/4 and 1/2 point lower but dealers noted continued for index-linked stocks, with the treasury two percent 2006 issue adding 3/4 to 101-1/2 sterling.

In a dull oil sector, shell ended unchanged at 350 following Thursday's results. Gold shares resumed the downward trend as the bullion price touched another 2-1/2 year low during the morning while U.S. shares were narrowly mixed.

Closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

London	323.37
Paris	326.54
Frankfurt	324.00
Zurich	322.50
Hong Kong	328.53

## U.S. inflation at wholesale level drops

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — For the first time in six years, inflation at the wholesale level fell last month, dropping at an annual rate of 1.7 percent, the U.S. government said Friday.

The slide was driven by declining car, truck and energy prices, which recorded their largest monthly decrease since January 1976. Fuel prices, which analysts had expected to surge considerably, rose only 0.5 percent, well under the double-digit pace of January, the Labor Department said.

Its new producer price index said energy prices fell 1.8 percent in February, double the decline in January and the largest monthly drop since the 2.4 percent of January 1976.

The overall index for finished goods fell 0.1 percent last month, the first decline since the 0.2 percent decrease of February 1976, when food prices plummeted and the effects of the 1975 recession were still being felt.

## Turkey to get \$55m Japan loan

ANKARA, March 12 (AP) — Turkey and Japan signed a credit agreement Friday under which Japan will lend \$55 million to this NATO member country this year on concessionary terms.

According to an official announcement, the \$55 million is part of a \$100-million credit Japan will be extending to Turkey within the framework of a Western consortium to aid Turkey. The consortium has been active since 1980 when Turkey appealed to the Western nations for an aid package to help its recovery from a severe economic crisis. The loan is to be repaid in 25 years, including a seven-year grace period, at 4.25 percent interest.

## India seeks joint projects with Japan

TOKYO, March 12 (AP) — Executive director of India's semi-official Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC), told Japanese businessmen Friday India is interested in developing industrial projects in Asian, Middle Eastern and African nations jointly with Japan.

Singh made the statement at a meeting with Komatsu Kondo, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) in Osaka, western Japan.

Singh arrived in Tokyo Sunday for an eight-day visit to prepare for a meeting July 28-29 to discuss the possibility of forming

## Despite EEC import ban Canada persists in seal hunt

OTTAWA, March 12 (R) — Canada says West European calls for a ban on seal skin imports will not stop the controversial annual seal hunt which moved into top gear Friday. "This is not the end of the seal hunt. We may have lost this battle in part but we haven't lost the war," Canadian Fisheries Minister Romeo LeBlond said after the European Parliament voted in Strasbourg Thursday in favor of a ban.

He said Canada was confident of averting a binding ban by the 10 European Economic Community (EEC) states and he refused to talk of retaliation against the valuable fishing in Canadian waters their trawlers enjoy.

Off Newfoundland, nine big sealing vessels, three from Norway and six from Canada, waited to start killing harp seal pups at dawn when the main hunt is due to begin among a

500,000-strong herd. Off the Magdalen Islands in the St. Lawrence Gulf, where more than 10,000 seals have been killed this week, the Greenpeace Conservation Movement planned to start protest actions that have been delayed by thick ice and bad weather.

A four-man protest team plans to go onto the ice floes and shield the pups from hunters or spray the animals' skins green to make them worthless.

Greenpeace director Patrick Moore, leading the protest expedition from the ship *Rain-bow Warrior*, was delighted by the overwhelming feeling of joy on board the boat, he radioed to shore.

Greenpeace spokesman Peter Dykstra said the vote did not mean an end to the hunt, but was "the single most important thing that could have happened."

## Regan assails Wall Street

WASHINGTON, March 12 (R) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan has blamed Wall Street rather than government economic policies for keeping interest rates high.

In a sharp attack on Wall Street, where he was once a leading figure, Regan said financial markets were exacting "an uncertainty or volatility premium" on interest rates and expected more from President Reagan's economic program than from past administrations.

"Wall Street doesn't believe us. The financial markets are holding the Reagan administration to a higher standard than was demanded of the Carter, Ford or Johnson administrations," he said.

The former head of the largest U.S. stock-broking firm, Merrill Lynch, also lashed out at Wall Street and businessmen for calling on Congress to trim government budget deficits by raising taxes.

Regan spoke as Senate sources told reporters that Senator Robert Dole, a key Repub-

lican, had proposed that a fee of \$2 be imposed on each barrel of imported oil to help reduce the government deficit.

The sources said that Dole, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was including the fee in a proposed package of tax increases designed to hold down the deficit. President Carter tried to impose a fee of \$4.62 a barrel in 1980 when Dole led a campaign that resulted in overwhelming rejection of the measure by Congress.

Treasury Secretary Regan said he was at a loss to explain why interest rates remained so high when inflation had been reduced.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 p.m. Thursday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	283.00
Canadian Dollar	—	283.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.00	144.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.75	132.35
Egyptian Pound	3.44	3.85
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20
French Franc (100)	56.75	56.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)	32.50	36.00
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.85
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.20	26.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.35
Jordanian Dinar	9.93	9.86
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.07	12.04
Lebanese Lira (100)	71.75	71.45
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.75	60.50
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	31.25
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.50
Pound Sterling	6.25	6.20
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.10
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	161.60
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	33.20
Swiss Franc (100)	183.50	183.10
Syrian Lira (100)	58.00	63.50
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U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.423
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90

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## BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AFP) — Tunisia, has signed the U.N. agreement to set up a fund to finance commodity buffer stocks, designed to smooth out price fluctuations. The agreement was adopted in June 1980 after four years' negotiations under the auspices of the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). It has been signed by 79 states so far but ratified only by 21.

LONDON (AFP) — Merchant bank Samuel Montagu announced it would expand operations in Hong Kong and Singapore. In Hong Kong it will set up a branch additional to its existing gold dealing subsidiary. In Singapore, Montagu and its parent the Midland Bank will establish separate operations. At present they work jointly through Midland Montagu Asia Ltd.

OTTAWA (AFP) — The Canadian auto industry's call for a sharp cut in imports of Japanese cars is "unreasonable and impractical" and will have to be rejected, a Japan-

ese Embassy official said here. It was clear that Japan could not meet the request. He warned against growing protectionism that would bring back "the nightmare of the 1930's" for the international economy.

BONN (AP) — West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff, following an Egyptian invitation, will be visiting the Cairo International Fair on Monday, his ministry said Friday. Lambsdorff will be in Egypt from March 13 to 16, a brief statement said, to discuss with officials bilateral economic ties, "especially an intensified industrial cooperation with emphasis on raw material and energy matters."

MADRID (R) — Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca left Friday for a two-day visit to Morocco and talks on a bilateral fishing agreement. He told reporters prospects for relations with Morocco were good and he hoped the fishing agreement, which expires at the end of the month, could be renewed satisfactorily.

## SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tenders No.	Tender Price (\$R)	Closing Date
Labor and Social Ministry	Building a warehouse at Qatif Social Service Center	—	300	27.2.82
Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephone	Renovation of the Ministry basement in Makkah (Saudi contractors only)	19/1401/1402	—	28.2.82
Education Ministry	Feeding archeological sites (Part I) in the northern and northwestern parts of Saudi Arabia for 1401/1402	80/M	300	27.2.82

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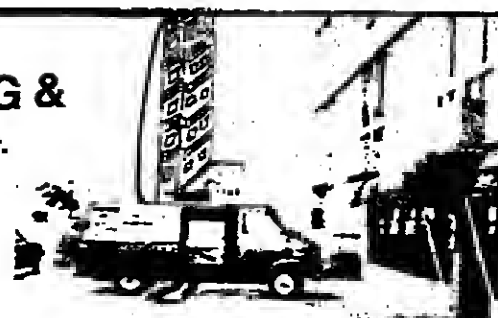
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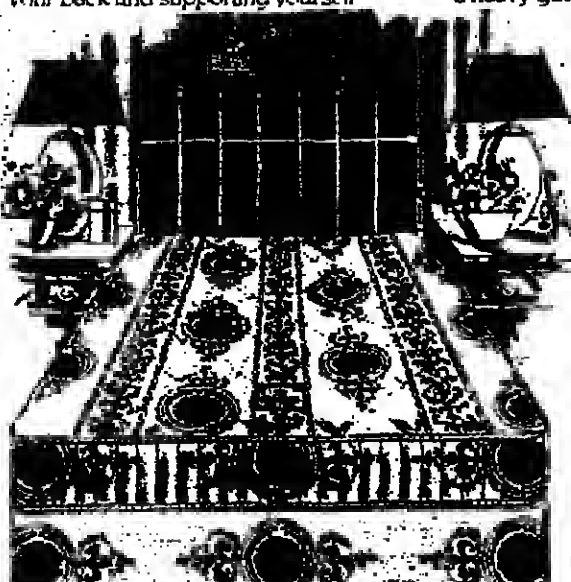
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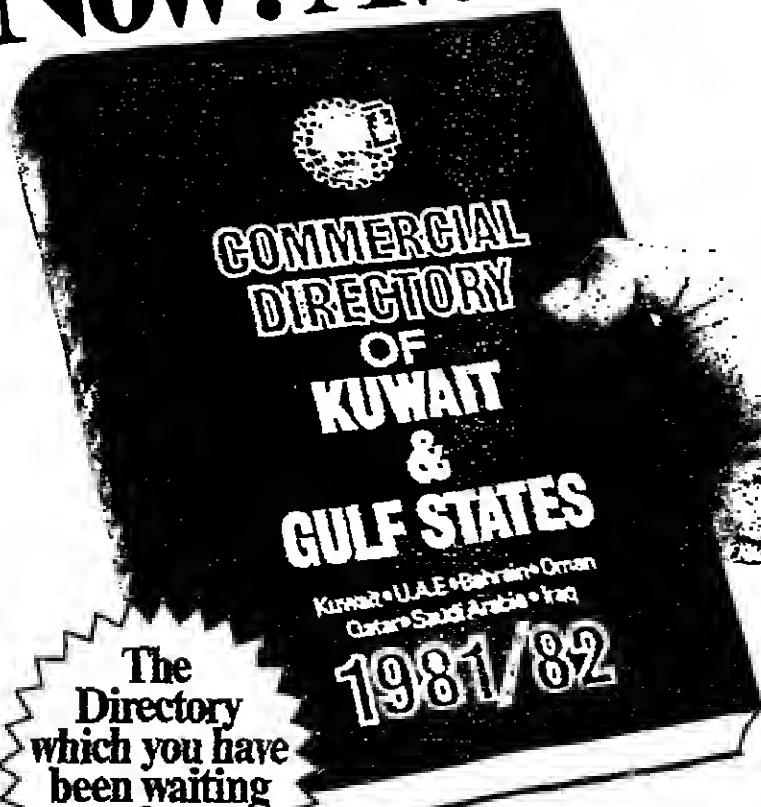
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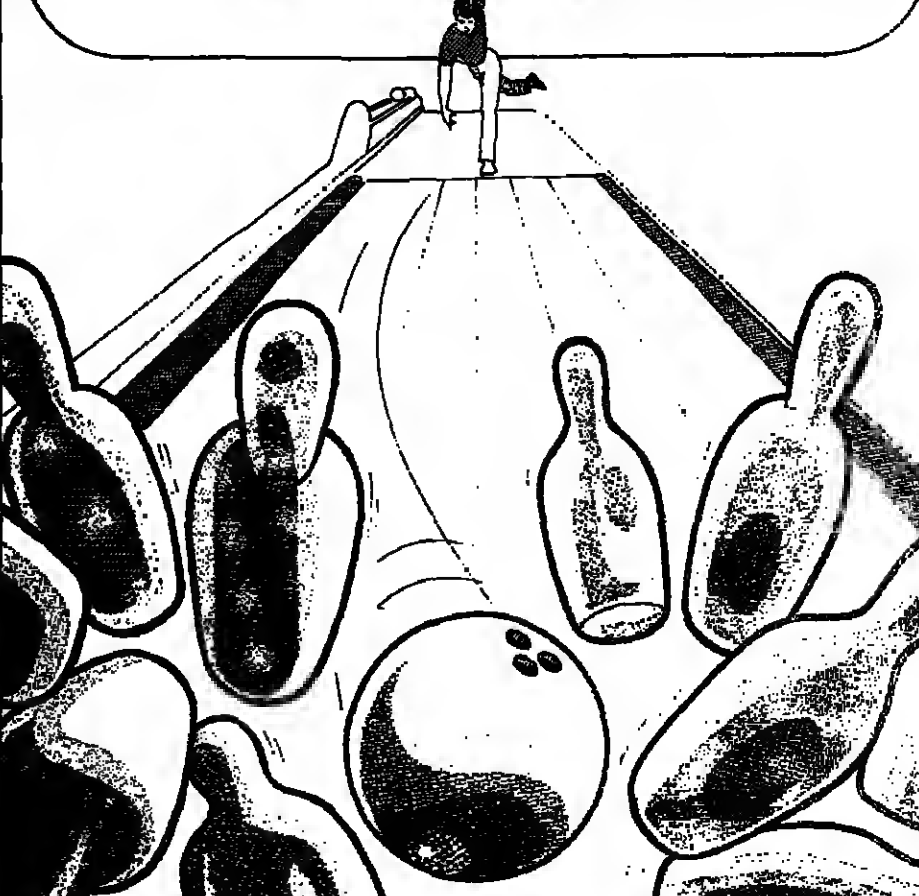
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## With victory over Jazz

## Glenn helps Hawks keep winning run

NEW YORK, March 12 (AP) — Sharp-shooting Mike Glenn has always been a hit man and he was hitting on all cylinders.

Glenn connected on 11 of 12 shots for a season-high 23 points Thursday night to lead the Atlanta Hawks to a 107-91 National Basketball Association victory over the Utah Jazz.

"That's always been my role, coming off the bench," Glenn said. "Thursday night I got hot early and I just stayed that way. I'm feeling very comfortable now that I've gotten more playing time, but I'm happier that the team is doing so well these days." The victory was Atlanta's fourth in a row and eighth straight over Utah in three seasons. The Jazz have won 12 of their last 13 games.

In NBA games, the Phoenix Suns defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 101-95 and the Kansas City Kings beat the San Diego Clippers 113-107.

## A teasing bait

NEW YORK, March 12 (APF) — A bonus prize of \$1 million will be paid to the owner of any horse which wins the three races forming the Autumn Championship at the Belmont Park Course here, Ogden Mills Phipps, president of the New York Racing Association, said Thursday.

The three events themselves are already worth a total of more than a million dollars — the Sept. 4 Woodward Stakes has a prize of \$100,000, the Sept. 18 Marlboro Cup \$400,000 and the Oct. 9 Jockey Club Gold Cup \$500,000.

No horse has ever won all three since the championship was established in 1973. Seattle was on course for one in 1978 but lost the Gold Cup by a nose to Exceller. Turf experts say it is extremely difficult for any horse to win three races of such length — 1,800 to 2,400 meters within a five week period.

## Nieman, Purton corner glory

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 12 (AP) — Bob Nieman, a 34-year-old San Antonio architect, led the United States to the individual and team championships of the U.S. Modern Pentathlon International Invitational Meet at Fort Sam Houston.

Great Britain's Teresa Purton led her country to the women's team title. Nieman, the 1979 world champion who missed the World Games last October with a hip injury, piled up 5,429.03 points in the running, swimming, riding, shooting and fencing competition to edge U.S.-neamane Dean Glenesk for the individual championship.

Mexico's Ivar Simega and Great Britain's Danny Nightingale closed with a tie for the fastest time of the day in Wednesday's 400-meter cross-country run to finish third and fourth overall.

Janusz Peciak, the defending world pentathlon champion and Olympic gold medalist who was a surprise entrant in the meet, also had a strong finish in the run to finish fifth.

In the women's division, Great Britain's Teresa Purton won easily over teammate Woody Norman for the individual title, while Pernille Nielsen of Denmark finished third and Lee Ann Skomski of the United States was fourth.

Purton paced Great Britain to the women's team title with 15,457 points, the United States was second with 14,464, Canada had 13,335 and the U.S. No. 2 team was fourth with 12,895.

Nieman's U.S. team No. 1 won the men's

Atlanta led most of the way against Utah, building leads of 20 points in the third and fourth quarters. Rory Sparrow scored 18 points and Tree Rollins added 17 to spark the Hawks' balanced attack. The Jazz were led by Adrian Dantley, who scored 20 points, 10 below his average.

"Mike Glenn just shot the eyes out of it Thursday night," said Hawks coach Kevin Loughery. "We're now getting a contribution out of everyone and starting to piece it together. Our defense is usually good and we had a few early lapses, but we made some adjustments and got things straightened out. I felt the key turning point was Tom McMillen's defense on Dantley all night."

Rollins blocked five shots, Dao Roundfield pulled down 13 rebounds and Eddie Johnson was credited with 10 assists, while Wes Matthews added eight before he suffered a sprained right foot in the first half.

Suns 101, Cavaliers 95: Len Robinson scored 21 points and Kyle Macy added 19 as Phoenix spoiled the return of Bill Musselman as coach of the Cavaliers. Musselman, who coached the Cavaliers through their first 71 games last season, is Cleveland's fourth coach this season. He replaced Chuck Daly, who was fired Monday.

Cleveland led 89-88 with 6:27 remaining but the Suns' Rich Kelley gave Phoenix the lead with a hook shot. Robinson followed with a three-point play and Kelley added a rebound basket to give Phoenix a 95-89 lead. "We've got some bad habits we're trying to change, but I think we run as well as we have all year," Musselman said.

Kings 113, Clippers 107: Rookie center Steve Johnson came off the bench to score 16 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter for Kansas City. The Kings held a 81-80 lead entering the fourth quarter but Johnson scored the first five points of the period and San Diego never got closer than four of the rest of the way. The victory was only the fifth all season for Kansas City in 28 road games.

event with 16,124.2 points, Great Britain was second with 15,870.5, U.S. No. 2 had 15,152, Mexico 15,151, Austria 15,086.4, Italy 14,860.2, Japan 14,226.4, U.S. No. 3 14,078, Canada 13,951.8 and Chile 11,608.7.

Britain's Teresa Purton appeared Thursday to have established a new women's world pentathlon record. Purton amassed a total 5,480 score.

A spokesman at the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Training Center at Fort Sam Houston said he was unable to declare that the score was a new world record. Almanacs list the women's world pentathlon record as 5,083 points by Nadezhda Tkachenko of the Soviet Union on July 24, 1980, in Moscow.

Meanwhile, Aigle, Switzerland, Finns, Swedes and Austrians dominated the 10-kilometer Biathlon event at the World Disabled Athletes Winter Games, one day after a Finnish sweep of the cross-country honors.

Among partially blind competitors, Austria's Renata Honisch captured the gold medal for women participants, traversing the Biathlon course in 59:13.8. In the completely blind category, Kirsti Pennanen of Finland, finished in 65:13.7.

For the men, Yngve Eriksoo of Sweden took top honors in the partially blind category, clocking a time of 50:30.8, while fellow-Swede Ove Karlsson won the event for the completely blind, at 53:43.6. On Wednesday, Finns won seven gold medals in cross-country skiing events divided according to the category of disablement.

expected pattern with Mobil and Pak 4 White beating ADS and KAIA Green at 17-3. Saudia Blues scored a flucot 20-0 victory over CIB while Dunes-1 beat Sangmed 15-5.

The fight for the 'B' section leadership will be between Dunes-1 and Saudia Blues as Pak 4 White have a bye this week. Both the teams look fancied to win their next two matches but with an advantage of 14 Victory Points, Dunes are favored.

The top four team of the 'A' section are well placed. French Rose and KAIA White have yet to play each other. Dunes-2 plays IAL next week while Irregulars have yet to play the last year's winners, British Steel.

## How they stand

"A" League					SEA-1					"B" League							
	P	W	L	VPs	Pts		P	W	L	VPs	Pts		P	W	L	VPs	Pts
Dunes-2	6	4	2	76	8	Dunes-1	6	5	1	93	10	Saudia 1	6	5	1	79	10
Irregs	6	4	2	72	8	Pak 4W	6	5	1	96	10	Mobil	6	4	2	70	8
French R	6	4	2	68	8	Sangmed	6	4	2	61	6	KAIA G	6	4	2	43	4
KAIA W	6	4	2	65	8	KAIA G	6	2	4	43	4	Sharbadi	6	2	4	31	4
IAL	6	3	3	62	6	CIB	6	2	4	31	4	ADS	6	2	4	34	0
British S	7	3	4	68	6												
Pak 4G	7	3	4	62	6												
Gray Mac	6	2	4	47	4												

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IN STYLE: Rick Ownbey of the New York Mets, makes a unique picture as he is caught swinging a bat with his foot before practice at the club's Payson Field spring training site. Ownbey, a hot prospect in the minors, already has a promotional deal with a franchise company when he makes the big league.

## Alkhorbar Tennis

## Jackson retains crown

By Geoff Gardner  
Alkhorbar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, March 12 — Diane Jackson retained the ladies' singles title with a three set victory over fellow Arabcon Pat Aubrey in the 1982 Alkhorbar Tennis Tournament last week. Yet, unlike last year's easy victory over Wendy Jones, the 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 win was in doubt until the middle of the last set.

"I scrambled out of it more than played out of it," Jackson said after the match. "Generally, she played defensive tennis, retrieving Aubrey's shots until her opponent made a mistake or a winner. Short shots allowed Aubrey to get to the net again and again. In the final analysis, Aubrey made more winners and far more unforced errors."

Jackson's style is to lob, hit slices and spins, and keep the ball in play. As one of the Eastern Province's top players, the style, along with a strong serve, is usually enough to win.

The match at first looked like a cakewalk for Jackson and she built a 5-1 lead in the first set before Aubrey found her range. Only one game went to advantage as Aubrey made many mistakes. Despite Jackson's short shots, Aubrey could do little with them at the net. Serving at 1-2, Aubrey came to the net on four consecutive shots and missed them all, overhitting the ball or trying for shots that were too fine. After Aubrey lost her service in the sixth game, the match looked as if it would go to Jackson easily.

But Aubrey struggled through the seventh game, breaking service, and the momentum changed. Two outright winners in the eighth game helped her to another win. She continued to find her stroke and range, winning the ninth game on two forced errors by Jackson. Jackson summoned enough to take the tenth game and the set, which was decided by a perfect lob over Aubrey's head that bit the back of the baseline.

The second set saw a better Aubrey and worse Jackson, as Aubrey roared to a 5-1 lead. Aubrey dominated the first six games, winning games five and six on powerful winners, the first hitting the left sideline and the second on a passing shot. Aubrey staged a mild comeback to bring the score to 5-3 before dropping the ninth game on unforced errors.

The final set was marked by Jackson's more consistent play and Aubrey's attempts to overpower her opponent. The result was more errors by Aubrey. Jackson broke service.

## Austrian forges ahead in World Figure Skating

COPENHAGEN, March 12 (APF) — Claudio Kristofics-Binder of Austria gave an impressive demonstration of her prowess in winning Thursday's compulsory figures, the first section of the women's event at the World Figure Skating Championships here.

The Austrian was at the top of her form in her own way Thursday, despite a six a.m. start because of the large number of entrants.

Like her male counterpart Jean Christophe Simond of France, however, Kristofics-Binder is not so good at the short program and free figures as she is at the compulsory section, and risks losing her lead in the standings after the other sections.

She managed to win the European Championship in Lyons recently, but in last year's World Championships at Hartford, Connecticut she slipped to third place and she risks doing the same here.

The three most likely title winners are Elaine Zayak of America, Elena Vodorezova of the Soviet Union and Kazarina Witt of East Germany. Zayak, fourth on Thursday was runner up last year to Switzerland's Denise Biellmann, who has since turned professional. But she displayed poor form at the recent American Championship, finishing only third.

Kazarina Witt is considered by many as the best free figures specialist, though her poor showing in the compulsory figures could prove to be too big a handicap.

Competitors with a chance of capturing the silver or bronze medals include Canada's Kay Thompson (sixth) and America's Vikki de Vries (eighth). They are likely to overtake Christina Wegelius of and Cottrell of Britain in the final standings.

United States Rosalyn Summer has apparently lost all her flair and her current 11th place seems to low to give her much hope of a medal.

## Australia strikes back with two quick wickets

AUCKLAND, March 12 (AP) — Dennis Lillee retrieved a measure of pride from a harrowing day for Australia with two late wickets on the first day of the second cricket Test against New Zealand at Eden Park here Friday.

The Test had gone all New Zealand's way as the Australian first innings capsize for 210 on a good batting wicket. Lillee dismissed opener John Wright and John Morrison in the space of 12 deliveries to send New Zealand to an uneasy night at 35, for two.

Wright fell to a brilliant reflex catch in the gully by Bruce Yardley, who threw up his right hand in what looked more like in self-defense than anything else and clutched it beside his face. But Morrison's dismissal was even stiffer. Bad light stopped play 16 minutes before the scheduled close. Everyone assumed that it was for the day. New Zealand: 34 for one.

The crowd of about 8,000 had all but disappeared, the small boys were out on the field with bats and tennis balls, and even Australia's 13th man Ray Bright was doing laps of the Oval in his shoes.

Then at 5:28 the umpires directed that the light was good enough for another over and Morrison — who was recalled for this series after more than five years out of Test cricket — had to make another nerve-wracking start.

Bruce Edgar took a single of Lillee's first ball. Morrison let the second go, and to his dismay chopped the third into his stumps. It was a cruel blow for New Zealand, who had done well after Geoff Howarth won the toss and sent Australia in to bat.

Through a combination of indifferent batting and some horrendous running between wickets Australia were all out 40 minutes after tea, for about half the total they might have expected.

Credit to the New Zealand bowlers, especially Gary Troup who took four for 82 after recovering from some disdainful treatment at the hand of Greg Chappell. The killer punches for Australia came when the wickets of Chappell and Allan Border were squandered in successive run outs.

## Botham to don soccer colors

SCUNTHORPE, March 12 (APF) — Test cricketer Ian Botham, who turned down an estimated 250,000 pounds by refusing to join the English cricket team in South Africa, has signed on temporarily for a football club in the English Fourth Division, with an average pay of 150 pounds a week.

The 26-year-old Botham is to play for Scunthorpe United, a team which has its ground near his Southhamberland home. Botham will make his first full appearance for Scunthorpe in a home game against Fourth Division leaders Wigan Friday night.

Botham, the all-round cricketer, has had one previ-

ous game for Scunthorpe, when he came in as substitute against Bournemouth two seasons ago. He will play as a striker, and supporters will be hoping his kicks at goal are as accurate as his bowling at the wicket. It was not disclosed how much Scunthorpe will be paying Botham.

Meanwhile, West Indies cricket captain Clive Lloyd said in Manchester Thursday that he will not go to South Africa "at any price." Lloyd, who is also captain of Lancashire, is thought to have been offered up to 100,000 pounds to lead a team of colored players to South Africa.

## Score-board

Australia (1st innings):		
B. Laird c Smith b Troup	18	
G. Wood c Smith b Cairns	13	
J. Dyson b Snedden	11	
K. Hughes c Smith b Troup	12	
G. Chappell run out	6	
A. Border run out	25	
R. Marsh b Troup	25	
B. Yardley b Heagles	13	
J. Thompson b Heagles	9	
D. Lillee c Crowe b Troup	4	
T. Alderman not out	0	
Extras	18	
Total	210	
Fall of Wickets	1-19, 2-75, 3-76, 4-120, 5-130, 6-131, 7-173, 8-187, 9-203	
Bowling: Hadlee 20-7-38-2; Troup 18-6-82-4; Snedden 12-5-26-1; Cairns 17-7-38-1; Howarth 11-4-5-1		
New Zealand (1st innings):		
B. Edgar batting	19	
J. Wright c Yardley b Lillee	11	
J. Morrison b Lillee	11	
Extras	35	
Total (for 2 wickets)	55	
Fall of Wickets	1-15, 2-35	
Bowling: Thompson 5-2-7-0; Alderman 4-2-7-0; Lillee 2-3-15-2; Yardley 2-0-15-1		

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## In Liverpool's team

## Thompson to replace Hansen

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — England international defender Phil Thompson Thursday was named to replace Alan Hansen in the Liverpool team to face Tottenham in the League Cup final soccer match at Wembley Stadium Saturday.

Thompson was included in the Liverpool lineup after Scottish international Hansen suffered a knee injury against Stoke City Tuesday night. "I feel desperately sorry for Alan but I lost my place through injury and now I have a chance to establish myself again," said Thompson, who has not played in the first team for two months.

Thompson said he would be nervous about making his first team comeback in such a big match. "The bigger the occasion, the better I like it," he said.

Tottenham Hotspur on the other hand, chasing four major titles, this season, has employed two leading sports psychologists to help its players cope with stress.

The psychologists have been working with Tottenham physiotherapist Mike Varney throughout the season and will talk to the north London soccer club's players before the match. "Basically, they help sportsmen to prepare themselves for competition and deal with areas like stress and loss of form," Varney explained.

Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw said: "It is difficult to access how they have been. But if we didn't be of any help, they wouldn't be involved with team."

Tottenham currently is riding a 17-game unbeaten streak. The psychologists, John Syer and American Chris Connelly, have worked with a number of sportsmen in the United States.

Meanwhile, Bobby Charlton, the former England and Manchester United striker, has joined the football league team trying to brighten up English soccer. Charlton accepted an invitation to join his former Old Trafford manager Sir Matt Busby, and League secretary Graham Kelly, when they get down to work Thursday.

The advisory committee was proposed at the recent chairman's seminar, and Kelly explained that its brief is "to examine how to make the League game more exciting."

## Soccer roundup

## Serginho nets 2 for Sao Paulo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 12 (Agencies) — Serginho, probable starting center-forward in the Brazilian national soccer team's exhibition match against West Germany Mar. 21, scored two goals for Sao Paulo in its 5-2 victory over Ceara Thursday night.

Also scoring for Sao Paulo in the second round of the Brazilian National Club Championship was Mario Sergio. Sao Paulo also played with national team defenseman Oscar and goalkeeper Waldir Peres.

But the three national team starters on Rio's Flamengo club, Zico, Junior and Leandro, were unable to overcome the rain-soaked field at Magaca, and managed only a 1-1 tie against Internacional of Porto Alegre. Flamengo's goal was scored by Zico.

In other National Championship games, Guarani's Careca — mentioned as a possible replacement for Serginho as the national team's center-forward — scored three of his team's goals in its 4-3 victory over Maringa. Pele's former club Santos lost 2-0 to Bangui in Rio, and Londrina beat Botafogo 3-1.

Meanwhile, Group Two favorites Algeria and Nigeria have contrasting tasks ahead of them in Saturday's African Soccer Championship ties in Benghazi.

World Cup finalists Algeria can look forward to a relaxed 90 minutes of shooting practice against luckless Ethiopia, but Nigeria, the African champions, face a tough task against Zambia.

The holders, beaten 2-1 by Algeria in their last outing, need at least one point to join the World Cup hopefuls in next week's semifinals. Zambia were only beaten by a late goal against Algeria in their opening match and a repeat of that spirited showing could see them pip the Nigerians for a place in the last four.

Nigeria were a major disappointment against Algeria and were totally outclassed despite the narrow scoreline. The pressure will be on them and it will be interesting to see how they perform under pressure.

The impressive Algerians should have little trouble in completing the group with a 100 percent record against Ethiopia, who have already been beaten 3-0 by Nigeria and 1-0 by Zambia. The Ethiopians have neither the skill nor the physique to disturb Algeria although they will be hoping for a face-saving result before they return home.

English First Division soccer club Arsenal hopes to sign Yugoslav international striker Vladimir Petrovic. Arsenal manager Terry Neill said Thursday.

Neill returned to London Thursday after talks with Petrovic's club, Red Star Belgrade. "I can't deny that I have been to Belgrade and that I have spoken with Red Star and the player concerned," said Neill. "But to say anything further would be premature."

Dinamo Zagreb beat bottom club Teteks Tetovo 4-1 to maintain their lead at the top of the Yugoslav First Division. Partizan Belgrade beat Osijek 1-0 in the only other First Division soccer match Thursday to move into fourth place on 26 points, five points behind Dinamo.

Red Star Belgrade are second on 28 and Zeljeznicar Sarajevo third with the same points as Partizan. All have played 22 games.



MISHAP: Eduardo Aleman of Venezuela goes over the bales of hay after he lost control on his Yamaha during the 100-mile Formula Two race at the Daytona International Speedway recently. Toronto's Martin Schubert (35) coming into the turn was also involved in an accident.

## Asian Cup Hockey

## China shocks Malaysia

KARACHI, March 12 (AFP) — China, the new entrants to international (field) hockey, shocked Malaysia 2-1 while favorites Pakistan and India forged ahead on the opening day of the inaugural Asian Cup (Field) Hockey Tournament here Friday.

World champions Pakistan routed low-ranking Sri Lanka 14-0, while Olympic champions India shut out Bangladesh 6-0.

The seven-nation tournament is played according to International Hockey Federation rules and is patterned after the European and Intercontinental Cup tournaments. Participants of the tournament are India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore and China.

International Hockey Federation President Rene Frank declared the tournament open amid fanfare.

Malaysia, semifinalists in the 1975 World Cup, took the lead through inside-left Kevin Nunis in the 19th minute. The Chinese equalized through left out Fongfung in the 45th minute. Inside-right, Huizen put them ahead four minutes later.

Pakistan, which recently won the World Cup title in Bombay got their goals through inside-left Hanif Khan (5), centre-forward Hasan Sardar (4), inside-right Manzoor Junior (3), right-out Kalaimullah and Saleem Sherwani who substituted for inside-right Manzoor Junior.

## In Olympia Golf

## Coles takes one-stroke lead

CITY OF INDUSTRY, California, March 12 (AP) — Janet Coles, playing the final five holes — in the rain, shot a 3-under-par 70 Thursday to take the first round lead in the \$150,000 Olympia Gold Women's Golf Tournament.

She held a one-stroke lead over Marlene Floyd-Deerman. Martha Hansen and Chris Johnson after 18 holes of the 72-hole event. Patty Sheehan, the LPGA's 1981 rookie of the year, and Juli Inkster, the reigning two-time women's national amateur champion, were another stroke back with opening 72's.

Although the rain continued through most of the afternoon, it was never heavy enough to halt play in the event, which had its final two rounds washed out by torrential rains in 1981.

The first two rounds of the tournament are being played on two courses, the 6,006-yard Eisenhower and the 5,983-yard Zaharias, both of which play to par 36-37 — 73. The final two rounds will be played on the longer course.

The course, and perhaps the weather, took a toll on a number of the favorites in the tournament. Nancy Lopez-McIntosh struggled to a 78, with a 42 on the front nine. Sally Little, whose 71-71 last year was the winning score in the rain-shortened tournament.

## South Africa off to solid start

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, March 12 (AP) — South African opening batsmen Jimmy Cook and Barry Richards provided their team with a solid foundation Friday, the first day of a four-day unofficial Test against the 'rebel' English eleven, going to 157 for one at tea.

Cook survived being dropped three times to pile up 59 runs. Richards was England's only victim in the first four hours of play, slapping an easy shot to Dennis Amiss at silly mid-off on 66. At tea, Cook and Peter Kirsten, with an undefeated 24, had featured in a 40-run unbroken second-wicket stand.

The Springboks got off to a slow start in their first international match in 12 years Friday, but openers Jimmy Cook and Barry Richards managed to take 75 for no wicket by lunch.

After South Africa won the toss and elected to bat, Cook failed to touch a single ball delivered by Les Taylor to the opening over. After 40 minutes Cook and Richards had scored only 18 runs. But the two warmed up quickly after that, with Richards turning in a creditable 45 with seven boundaries by the break, while Cook had hit 23 runs with two boundaries. Seven extras brought the total to 75 for the Springboks.

Meanwhile, South African all-rounder Clive Rice decided he'd rather play cricket than visit Buckingham Palace. Clive announced he had canceled an appointment to receive a trophy from Prince Philip March 25, saying he wanted to play in the second one-day international against the English side in Johannesburg. Rice's team, Nottinghamshire, had approved the decision, Rice said.

A top cricket official expressed skepticism Thursday that a West Indies team could be organized to tour South Africa, in Bridgetown.

Peter Short, president of the Barbados Cricket Association, said, "I would not except the South Africans to be able to raise anything like an entire team, no matter what they offer." He made the statement following reports that South Africa's cricket administrators were considering organizing a team from the English-speaking Caribbean.

Short pointed out that the West Indies Cricket Board of Control had a long-standing policy to ban any West Indian who agreed to play in South Africa. "Any of our players who play in South Africa know they can never play for or in the West Indies again," Short said. d.

## BRIEFS

MOSCOW, (R) — Vladimir Salnikov, winner of three gold medals at the 1980 Olympics, lapped almost a second off the men's 400 meters freestyle world record Friday. Salnikov, competing for the Soviet Union in a swimming international against East Germany, clocked three minutes 49.57 seconds to beat the previous best of 3:50.49 set by Canadian Peter Bamidi almost two years ago. East German Jorg Woithe improved his European record for the 100 meters freestyle, winning in 49.95 seconds. He had a previous best of 50.14.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, (AFP) — Dwight Braxton of the United States will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight title against compatriot Jerry Martin here on March 21. Braxton became world champion when he scored a surprise victory over fellow-American Matthew Sand Muhammad last December. Martin is ranked No. 7 in the world and has a record of 20 victories against three defeats. JASNA, Czechoslovakia, (AFP) the

1982 men's World Alpine Skiing Cup returns to Europe as Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark and Phil Mahre of the United States prepare the last stretch of their race to supremacy in the slalom events here this weekend. Although Mahre, with a 90 point lead in the standings, is sure of retaining the overall World Cup title this year, Stenmark could still overtake him for the slalom and giant slalom titles.

WELLINGTON, (AFP) — The New Zealand Rugby Union has again defied the government by opening talks with the South African Rugby Board about continued sports contacts. Rugby Union chairman Ces Blazey said five senior members of the Union would travel to South Africa in the next few days, despite a government request for the trip to be canceled.

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) — Two British snooker players — Steve Newbury (Wales) and John Hargreaves (England) — will arrive in South Africa Sunday for the start of a three-week match-play series

McEnroe pulls out of Belgian tourney  
Moor struggles to down Gullikson

MUNICH, West Germany, March 12 (AP) — Terry Moor of the United States beat his fellow countryman Tom Gullikson 7-6, 7-6 in the second round of the \$300,000 Munich World Championship Tennis Tournament here Thursday.

During the first round, seeded players Guillermo Vilas, Sandy Mayer, Eddie Dibbs and Mark Edmondson made their exit from the competition.

In another second round match, Johan Kriek of South Africa record an easy 6-2, 6-3 win over America's Van Winitsky while Vijay Amritraj of India got the better of Peter Rennett of the U.S. 6-3, 1-6, 7-5. Amritraj, India's Davis Cup pride, won the first set with a degree of comfort, but was seen in poor light in the next in which he managed just one point. However, the lanky Indian pulled himself together in the exit to come out victor.

In yet another match, Czechoslovakia's Tomas Smid struggled to down Peter Elter of West Germany 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Meanwhile, Australia's Rod Frawley recorded to beat Dick Stockton of the United States 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 in a second round match at the Linz Grand Prix Tennis tournament in Austria Thursday. Frawley lost the first set at 5-7, but came back powerfully in the next two

which he won with an identical margin.

John McEnroe, the world's No. 1 tennis player, withdrew from the Belgian Indoor Championship Friday after he injured his left ankle in a training session.

Andrea Richard, a championship official, said McEnroe, the tournament's No. 1 seed, was hurt during a workout with his U.S. doubles partner, Peter Fleming.

"We think it is just a sprain. But it is bad enough for him to withdraw from the tournament. He cannot put his weight on his ankle," Richard added. She said he was taken to a Brussels hospital for X-rays.

In London tennis officials still are working on ways to avoid forcing Bjorn Borg this season to qualify for Wimbledon and the French Open Championships, but no final decision will be made until April.

The Swede has refused to sign a commitment to play a minimum of 10 tournaments and according to Grand Prix rules this means he has to qualify for major tournaments including Wimbledon, which he has won five times.

The management committee of the All-England Championships discussed the problem Thursday night, but reached no conclusion. There will be further discussion when European tournament directors meet in

Brussels Saturday, but it is understood that no final decision will be made until next month after Wimbledon officials have had meetings with representatives of both the French and U.S. Opens.

If Borg is reduced to the status of a qualifier, either the draw for minor events will have to be delayed to the last minute, or the Swede could not be seeded.

The tournament then would face the possibility of Borg facing players like John McEnroe or Ivan Lendl in the early rounds. One possible solution being discussed is that former champions should be allowed direct entry into Wimbledon with five-year restriction.

If Borg is forced to play in the qualifying tournament, however, he will do so behind closed doors; Wimbledon secretary Chris Goringe said Friday. Goringe said that to avoid problems with spectators at Rochampton, where qualifying matches are played, the public would not be admitted when Borg is playing.

In the women's section, Martina Navratilova crushed Swiss player Petra Delhees 6-0, 6-2 to advance to the quarterfinals of the Avon Championship of the Dallas Women's tourney.

## As Pakistan crushes Sri Lanka

## Mohsin, Miandad shine

KARACHI, Pakistan, March 12 (AP) — Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by eight wickets to win the first one-day cricket international at the National Stadium Friday with more than three overs to spare.

Batting first, Sri Lankans collected 171 for three in 33 overs, as half an hour's play was lost due to disturbances and the number of overs were curtailed from 40 to 33.

Needing 172 to win in 33 overs, at an average of a little over five runs per over, Pakistan collected the required runs in 29.2 overs.

The highlight of the day was a brilliant 77 by skipper Waranapura, and later a delightful 85 Mohsin Khan who had come in place of Rizwan us Zaman, and an equally splendid 56 not out by skipper Javed Miandad.

Mohsin's knock included 9 fours, and Miandad in his 56 had four and two glorious sixes. Police had to fire teargas shells earlier to disperse crowd from coming onto field during play. Miandad, winning the toss, sent Sri Lankans to bat and Tahir Naqqash and Jalandudin, who won his Pakistan cap Friday, starred brilliantly, both bowling to a nagging line and length.

Skipper Waranapura and Sidat Wettimuny, opening for the tourists, were shaky in the

beginning and Jalandudin struck early for Pakistan with a slower full toss that pierced through the defense of Wettimuny to uproot his off stump.

At the score five for one, Roy Dias joined his captain and two tore the Pakistan bowling to pieces, playing attractive strokes all round the wicket. Both looked like specialists of one-day cricket and their attacking game was thoroughly enjoyed by the 20,000 strong holiday crowd. After lunch, Pakistan opened through Mansoor and Mohsin and they soon went for the target of 172 in 33 overs.

The opening pair realized 52 in 10 overs but at this score Mansoor, attempting a big hit, was bowled by Wijesooriya, the left arm spinner, playing his first match in Pakistan. Miandad, promoted himself in batting order to join Mohsin. It was a good change and Miandad lifted Wijesooriya over the long on boundary for the first six of the match. Two overs later, Mohsin took 13 runs in one over of the same bowler and Pakistan's score had galloped to 108 in 19 overs.

Mohsin-Miandad partnership yielded 105 extremely quick runs. The two teams fly to Faisalabad for the second Test, starting March 14.

## Close race for top honors in Jeddah bowling

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 12 — With only a month to go in all bowling leagues at the Jeddah Bowling Center, the race for top honors is still on.

Last week all the top teams won 4-0, but

just behind them was the top match of the night. The two top teams from Finland, who are resolutely chasing the leaders bowled against each other, and in a close match, the honors went to the Rolling Snowballs who beat the Bears 3-1.

But the team that is really going well these

days is Lancer Boss. They thrashed last year's champions New Airport Bowlers 4-0, and this defeat must now put them out of contention for any honors this season. KL-632 lost against lowly CDS 3-1 and the loss put it out of the running after having been with the leaders for most of the season.

On Tuesday night, Ten Striker continued to dominate with yet another impressive 4-0 win over Siam who could not put it together on the night. Second place Dania lost to third placed Bears, which opens up the minor placings. Smashed, Playmore and A-G all won 4-0 and closed the gap. Any one of these teams could do well with a sustained run in the last month. Wings also are nicely placed after scrambling home by one pin against the Pin-nobies.

In Wednesday night's action, Sawasdee's commanding lead is slowly being closed by Super 7, who won last week while Sawasdee could only draw against the Tigers. Disaster Area got back to winning ways taking four points from Costain.

Away from the current league action, JBC's new season of leagues is due to commence in April, and the league secretary is now accepting applications for the new season. Also the Jeddah Bowling Center has accepted invitation to bowl against Riyadh Bowling Center in Riyadh on April 8 and 9. A team of 20 bowlers will be travelling and it is expected that Riyadh bowlers will come to Jeddah in a return match at a date to be decided on in the near future.



KIDDIES CORNER: To encourage youngsters to take to any sport incentives and keen competition has to be introduced. Jeddah Bowling Center did both while encouraging youngsters to take in bowling. Seen above are the kids proudly displaying their trophies.

## As he leads Belgium to Spain

## Moer's mastery may mesmerize many

BRUSSELS, March 12 (R) — Millions of armchair soccer fans will get their first look at the remarkable Wilfried Van Moer when he captains Belgium against holders Argentina in the opening match of the World Cup in Barcelona on June 13.

Many may wonder what all the fuss is about. Van Moer is not a small-screen hero. A stocky, balding, 37-year-old, he does not look much like a footballer. He rarely breaks out of a sedate trot, he always appears to be hovering on the edge of the action, and, more often than not, he only plays for around 60 minutes before being substituted.

Only those in the Nou Camp Stadium in Barcelona will be able to appreciate his talents to the full. Van Moer is the grand master of the unexpected. Despite his apparent lack of pace he floats away from his marker like a ghost, gliding past defenders with nonchalant ease before releasing perfectly-weighted passes of radar accuracy.

Television viewers do not always see the best of Van Moer. The unpredictable pass which wrong-foots an opposing defender is just as likely to leave a hapless TV crew focussing their camera elsewhere.

It is no coincidence that Belgium have enjoyed the triumphant years since Van Moer's return after a series of lengthy injuries. His comeback to the international scene has a fairytale quality about it that has captured the imagination of every Belgian and cast him as the hero of the revival of the "Red Devils."

Van Moer was out of the Belgian side for four years after breaking his leg four times between 1972 and 1976. Manager Guy Thys only lured him back after much persuasion. Thys describes his decision to recall the little midfielder general in 1979 as "A decision that

paid off." He returned to score a crucial goal in Belgium's 2-0 victory over Portugal which did much to book their place in the eight-nation playoffs for the 1980 European Championship in Italy.

Another goal and fine display in the next match against Scotland, which Belgium won 2-0, meant Van Moer was back in the team to stay. In Italy, he became a familiar sight at the heart of the Belgian side as the "Red Devils" surprised everybody by going all the way to the final before losing to West Germany by a last-minute goal.

Van Moer's brilliant form continued into the World Cup qualifying ties. Never hurried and always at hand when needed, he was a continual inspiration as Belgium emerged from a tough group which included France, the Netherlands and Ireland, to become the first side apart from hosts Spain and Argentina to gain a place in the finals.

His best years appeared to be behind him when he returned on a free transfer in 1978 to play for Beveren — the side he first joined as

a teenager in the late 1950s. But his shrewd prompting from midfield has become a key to the Belgians' success, with devastating strikers Jan Ceuleman and Erwin Vanderberghe on his service. Van Moer is the sole survivor from the Belgian side which went to the Group World Cup in Mexico and included such fine players as Paul Van Himst and Raoul Lambert.

An unassuming and modest man, Van Moer is married with one teenage daughter and owns a cafe in the town of Hasselt. At club level, he has played for Ber Ngen and Antwerp as well as Beveren but had his best years with Standard Liege in the late 1960s and early 1970s when he collected three league championship medals. The series of broken legs, which began in an international against Italy in 1972 in Brussel, seemed to have put an end to his career. Remarkably, it did not and Van Moer has gone on to collect 51 caps.

Television fans are advised to watch closely.

## Middleton stars in Bruins' win

NEW YORK, March 12 (AP) — Boston Bruins were in a rampaging mood Thursday night.

Displaying speed and skill in the National Hockey League match against the Winnipeg Jets, the Bruins scored seven times to chalk up a 7-4 victory. And the man to spearhead the Bruins was Rick Middleton. Middleton scored three goals with Peter McNab and Keith Crowder chipping with two each as the Bruins jumped into the second place in the Adams Division.

In the other two action of the night, New York Rangers got the better of Detroit Red

Wings 4-1, while Calgary Flames downed Vancouver Canucks 6-3.

The Red Wings fared poorly in its home tie, as the Rangers stormed into the lead with first period goals through Rob McClanahan and Mark Pavelich. Both were teammates in the gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic team two years ago. The Rangers stayed in front thereafter, never seriously threatened by the Red Wings.

Jamie Hislop's fluke goal with 9:17 remaining snapped a tie and triggered a four-goal outburst — including another one by Hislop — that carried the Flames past the Canucks.



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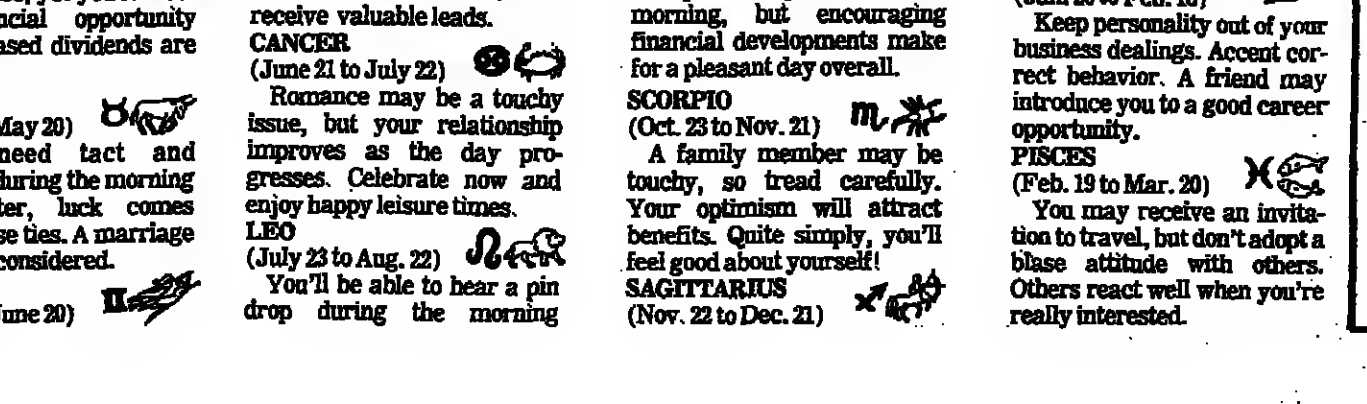
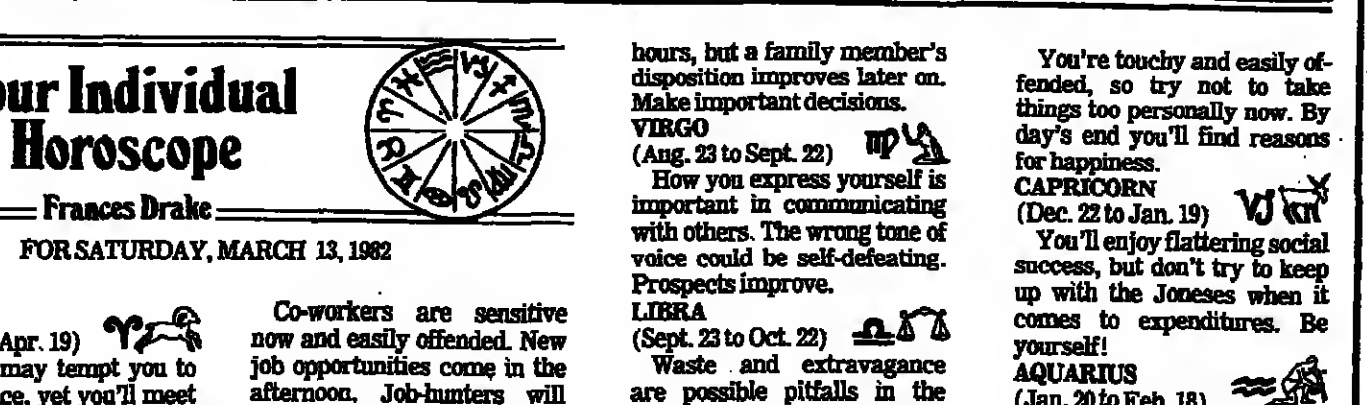
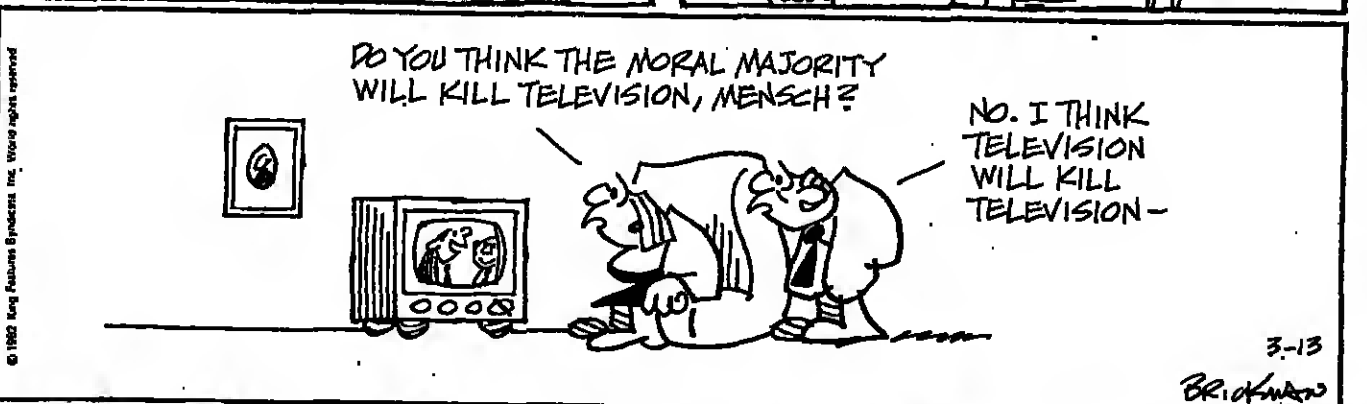
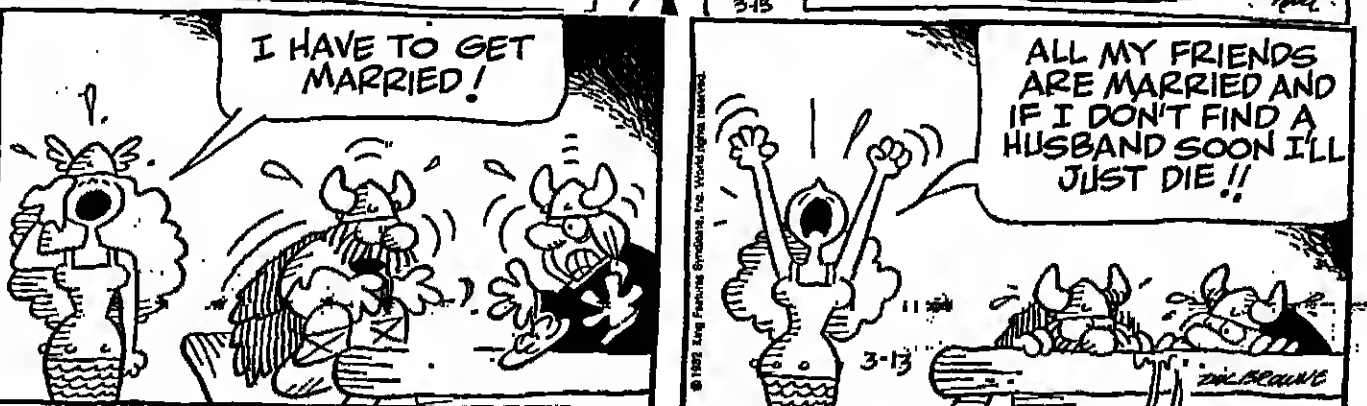
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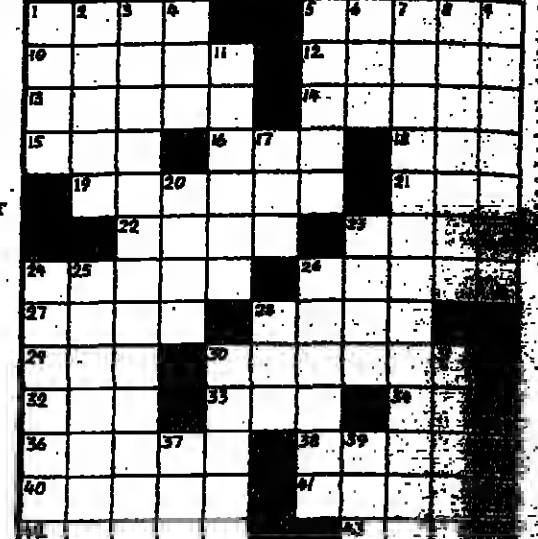
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Chevalier film
  - 5 Billiard shot
  - 10 O'Day of song
  - 12 Waters of song
  - 13 -- it
  - (due to get)
  - 14 Dinah of song
  - 15 Court target
  - 16 Barker and Perkins
  - 18 Peruke
  - 19 Gypsy
  - 21 Tibetan beast
  - 22 Just dandy
  - 23 Part of speech
  - 24 Showed signs of senility
  - 26 Increase, as prices
  - 27 One of the ages
  - 28 As good as
  - 29 French river
  - 30 D.C. group
  - 32 Clothing size (abbr.)
  - 33 for Lord
  - 34 Old Dutch measure
  - 36 Functioning
  - 38 Appetizing
  - 40 Place
  - 41 Made of cereal
- DOWN
- 1 Move forward
  - 2 Spiritual
  - 3 Apostles'
  - 4 Japanese statesman
  - 5 Unkempt
  - 6 Belgian commune
  - 7 Have class
  - 8 No joking matter
  - 9 Rich; classic
  - 11 Camille's beloved
  - 17 Chemistry suffix
  - 20 Aspect
  - 23 Vincent Lopez theme
  - 24 Book keeper
  - 25 Cuban province
  - 26 Shabby
  - 31 Used up
  - 33 Talking bird
  - 37 Perched
  - 38 Swam
  - 39 river



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to win

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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B. Jay Becker

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NORTH

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♥ 82

♦ 9643

♣ A8754

EAST

♠ K1074

♥ 53

♦ Q105

♣ KJ92

SOUTH

♠ AQ82

♥ AKQ764

♦ A87

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The bidding:

South West North East

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3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead - jack of hearts.

There are plays simple in structure that are nonetheless difficult to perceive. Take this case where South was in four hearts and got a trump lead. After winning with the queen, he played a low spade to the jack, hoping to find West with the king and in that way finish with either ten or eleven tricks.

But East won the jack with the king and returned a trump, holding South to nine tricks. Dummy's ace of clubs withered on the vine, and South eventually lost two diamonds and another spade to go down one.

For practical purposes, South could have guaranteed the contract by playing the queen of spades at trick two instead of the deuce. Barring exceptional distribution, this play was likely to produce at least ten tricks.

Let's take the actual case first. What could East do if he took the queen of spades with the king? His best play, a trump, would leave South in command - with ten tricks consisting of two spades, six hearts, a diamond and a club.

If East declined the queen of spades, South would play the ace, ruff a spade, discard a loser on the ace of clubs and finish with eleven tricks.

The outcome would be essentially the same if West held the king of spades. He would encounter the same difficulties as East.

It is not easy to think of the queen of spades lead at trick two. It is not customary to lead the queen with such a holding as A-Q-8-2 facing J-5, but that is hardly a good reason for failing to make the play. Custom is sometimes more honored in the breach than in the observance.

Believe It or Not!



Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A friend may tempt you to extravagance, yet you'll meet with financial opportunity now. Increased dividends are possible.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You'll need tact and diplomacy during the morning hours. Later, luck comes through close ties. A marriage proposal is considered.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Co-workers are sensitive now and easily offended. New job opportunities come in the afternoon. Job-hunters will receive valuable leads.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) Romance may be a touchy issue, but your relationship improves as the day progresses. Celebrate now and enjoy happy leisure times.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) You'll be able to hear a pin drop during the morning



hours, but a family member's disposition improves later on. Make important decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) How you express yourself is important in communicating with others. The wrong tone of voice could be self-defeating. Prospects improve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Waste and extravagance are possible pitfalls in the morning, but encouraging financial developments make for a pleasant day overall.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A family member may be touchy, so tread carefully. Your optimism will attract benefits. Quite simply, you'll feel good about yourself!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're touchy and easily offended, so try not to take things too personally now. By day's end you'll find reasons for happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You'll enjoy flattering social success, but don't try to keep up with the Joneses when it comes to expenditures. Be yourself!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Keep personality out of your business dealings. Accent correct behavior. A friend may introduce you to a good career opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) You may receive an invitation to travel, but don't adopt a blasé attitude with others. Others react well when you're really interested.

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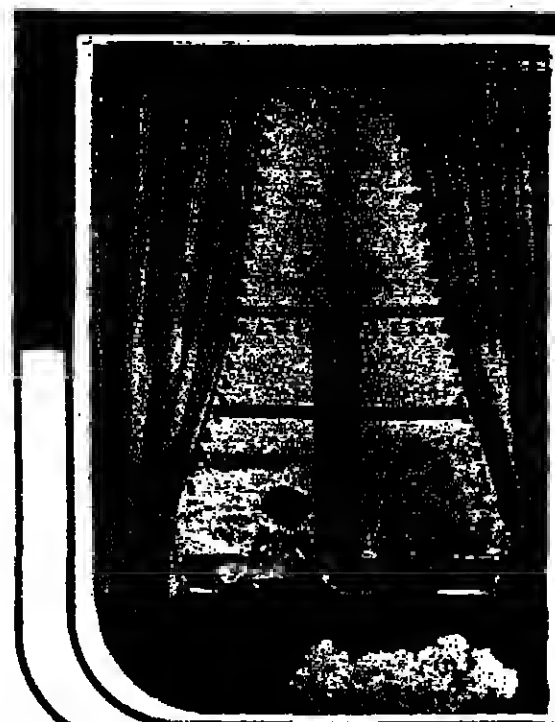


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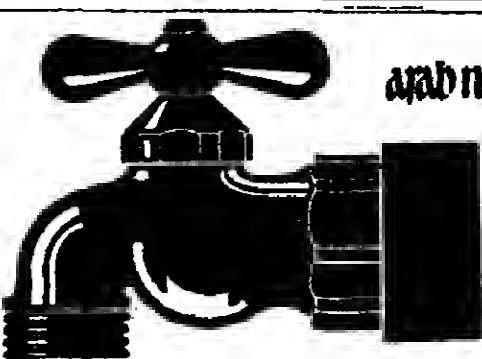
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## Raider implicates S. Africa officials in Seychelles coup bid

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa, March 12 (AP) — A mercenary leader said seven or eight senior South African government officials were involved in an attempt to overthrow the Seychelles islands government in November, a South African security officer testified Friday.

Lt. Col. Jacob Mouton said Briton Peter Duffy, 40, of Durban, South Africa, made the remark during negotiations at Durban airport Nov. 26, after 43 accused mercenaries had landed in an Air-India plane, along with 65 passenger-hostages and 14 crew members. The men are charged with four counts of hijacking the plane to escape after fighting broke out at Seychelles airport and the coup failed.

Mouton, on the third day of the Supreme Court trial, testified that Duffy "told me this is a very serious business. He said, 'We tried to overthrow the Seychelles government but it was unsuccessful. This government (South Africa) is also concerned. There are seven or eight senior members of the government involved.'"

Natal province Deputy Attorney General H.G. Klem did not ask Mouton to elaborate. After the testimony, both prosecution and defense lawyers asked for a recess to confer privately, saying some matters at stake should not be discussed in open court.

Most of the defendants have permanent homes or business links in South Africa, and many have served in military units in South Africa or Rhodesia, the British colony that became independent as Zimbabwe. Their leader was said to be Col. Michael "Mad Mike" Hoare, a 62-year-old Irish resident of South Africa, who gained fame for mercenary exploits in the Congo in the 1960s.

The defendants pleaded innocent to hijacking the Boeing 707 jet when the trial opened Wednesday. South Africa's white-

minority government has denied accusations by neighboring Black African countries that South Africa was involved in the plot to overthrow Socialist President Albert Rene of the Seychelles, an Indian Ocean archipelago.

Mouton said Duffy also told him 13 or 14 of the alleged hijackers were members of the South African second reconnaissance regiment, a crack special services unit.

On Thursday, the government issued a statement from South African military officials saying that none of the accused who had military ties was on active duty at the time of the coup attempt.

The statement was seen as an attempt to dissociate the government from the plot. Some of the mercenaries reportedly used army call-up papers to get time off from work.

Mouton said Duffy told him at Durban airport he had a request to make — that an airplane be made available so the alleged hijackers could take off again after freeing the hostages and crew. Mouton said he conferred with other security officials at a nearby airport building and then returned to tell Duffy the request was denied. "They accepted it when I told them," Mouton said.

Asked who was in charge of the Air-India aircraft after it landed at 4:58 a.m., Mouton said, "it was undoubtedly certain that Duffy and his comrades were in control of the aircraft." He described relations between the crew and the accused men as "friendly but cautious," and "I won't say it was a strained atmosphere."

Mouton said the only demand that Duffy made involved the body of a mercenary aboard the plane, apparently killed in fighting at the Seychelles airport. Mouton said Duffy told him, "this body goes with us wherever we go. We are not leaving him here."

## S.Africans 'allowed' into U.S.

NEW YORK, March 12 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration has quietly eased its policy of not allowing high-ranking South African military officials into the country on official business, *The New York Times* reported Friday.

Quoting unidentified State Department officials, the *Times* said the move was made in order to help negotiations toward the independence of Southwest Africa from South Africa.

The officials were quoted as saying that senior South African officials have come to the United States in recent months as part of delegations that have met with Chester A. Crocker, assistant secretary for African affairs.

The most recent meeting, the officials said, took place at the State Department on Feb. 22 and 23. Brand G. Fourie, the senior civil servant in the South African Foreign Ministry, was accompanied by military officials including Lt. Gen. F.W. Van der Westhuizen, chief of staff for intelligence in the South African defense forces.

## Colombia campaign turns violent

BOGOTA, March 12 (APF) — Violence has erupted into a hitherto peaceful legislative election campaign in Colombia, one of Latin America's most stable democracies, as authorities impose new security measures to safeguard the vote.

Left-wing guerrillas threatening to "sabotage" the elections due next Sunday went on the offensive only days before, car-bombing the presidential palace in the capital and attacking government troops further south.

The guerrillas, of the Movement of April 19 (M-19), left a car packed with explosives outside the palace of liberal President Julio Cesar Turbay Wednesday. The blast killed a bystander and injured five other persons.

The guerrillas said the bombing was in retaliation for the shooting a day earlier by a right-wing vigilante group of lawyer Jorge Enrique Cipagauta Galvis, who had defended a number of captured M-19 guerrillas.

The underground movement "Death to Kidnappers" (MAS) which is waging a clandestine war on guerrillas and kidnappers, claimed responsibility for the killing. The

guerrillas, meanwhile, have rejected President Turbay's second offer of conditional amnesty, and are demanding a general amnesty, an end to martial law and negotiations with the government.

Twice this week M-19 columns have attacked villages near the Ecuador border killing several policemen. Fighting has raged between guerrillas and regular soldiers in a remote mountainous region of the south, and reports in Bogota say about 30 guerrillas had been killed.

At the same time a guerrilla commando seized nearly one ton of dynamite from a worksite in Western Colombia. Several universities have also been closed because of disturbances involving extremists.

The authorities have proclaimed a state of emergency in the country's second largest city, Medellin, where fighting between rival bands of drug smugglers has left 100 dead since the beginning of this year.

The government has mobilized security forces to guarantee the freedom of Sunday's election, which is seen as a kind of "primary" for a presidential election due in May.

## March 21 set as Afghanistan day

STRASBOURG, France, March 12 (AP) — The Council of Europe Friday called on its 21 member countries to commemorate March 21 as Afghanistan day.

The council urged the parliaments and governments of the member states to mark March 21 as "Europe's own Afghanistan day" by which our peoples express their warm sympathy and support for the people of Afghanistan and their desire to see the establishment of a free and independent Afghanistan.

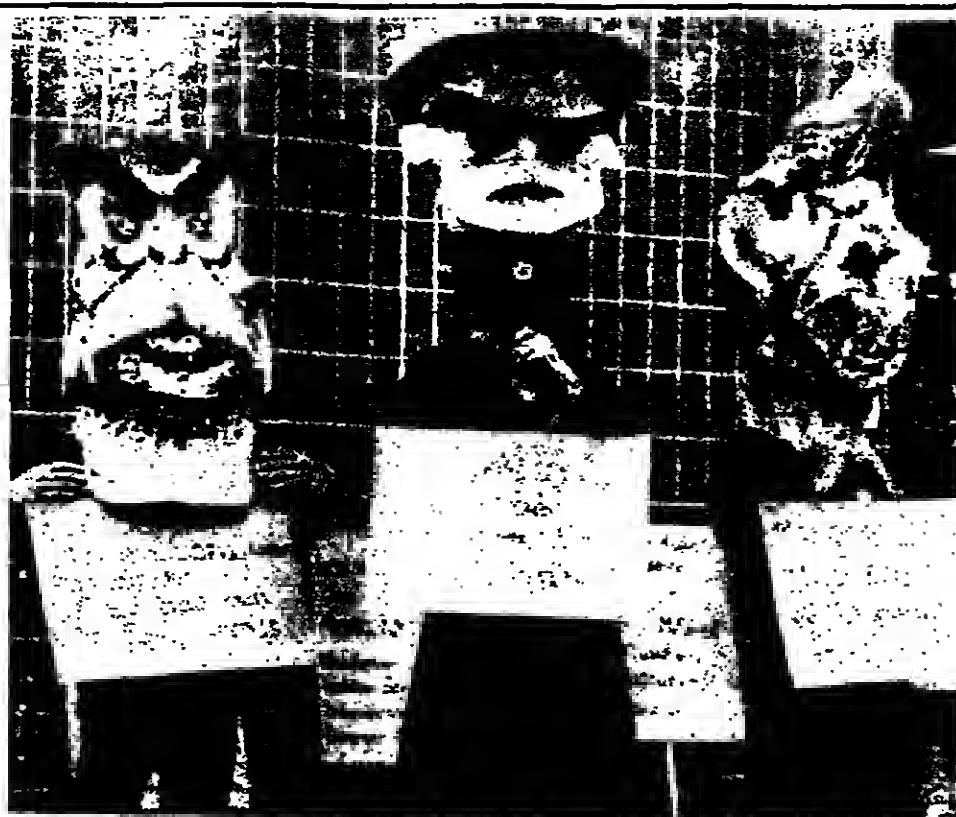
On Wednesday, U.S. President Ronald Reagan set March 21 as Afghanistan day in the United States, and the European Parliament last November adopted a resolution cal-

ling for the day to be observed in Europe. Several European governments have announced ceremonies to mark the occasion.

The Council of Europe said in a statement Friday that it continued to be "shocked by the suffering of the Afghan people inside their country, the bombings carried out against the civilian population, the destruction of their crops and livestock, the disease and the famine."

Several council committees are currently examining the possibility of the Council of Europe providing a framework for the organization of an international conference aimed at finding a solution to the Afghan crisis.

## International



SWISS MASKS: Pro-Solidarity trade union demonstrators in Berne Thursday carry masks of (from left) Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, Polish head of state Gen. Jaruzelski and U.S. President Ronald Reagan. The posters protest the imposition of martial law in Poland and the U.S. support to the El Salvador junta.

## U.N. official to tour Poland Security talks winding up

MADRID, March 12 (Agencies) — Neutral Switzerland formally proposed Friday that the European security review conference, deadlocked over the Polish crisis, should be adjourned until Nov. 9, conference sources said.

But Soviet bloc delegations at the 35-state conference, in session here sporadically since November, 1980, withheld a decision on the adjournment proposal until the end of Friday's plenary session, the sources said.

Delegates said there was little doubt that the adjournment would be agreed later after all the listed speakers had delivered their prepared statements. When the plenary session opened, 15 delegations were down to speak and the meeting was expected to last throughout the day.

The United States and its NATO partners, which have refused to negotiate on new detente proposals at the conference while the military crackdown persists in Poland, back the neutral proposal for a long cooling-off period until next autumn.

The Soviet Union and its allies have insisted that they are ready to continue the detente talks in Madrid, although Western officials said earlier this week they had a firm gentlemen's agreement with the East bloc on an adjournment.

Meanwhile, former Irish Foreign Minister Sean MacBride, currently U.N. commissioner on Namibia, said in Copenhagen Friday he and the secretary-general of the Swedish section of Amnesty International, Thomas Hammarberg, hoped to travel to Poland next week. He added that besides seeing the detained Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, they hoped to be allowed to tour detention centers.

In an unrelated development, the former

## Bulgaria denies help to Dozier kidnappers

ROME, March 12 (AP) — The Bulgarian Embassy has denied statements attributed to a captured Red Brigades leader that the Communist country offered help to the terrorists holding a kidnapped American general.

Antonio Savasta, leader of the gang that kidnapped Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, was quoted as telling police that "some Eastern countries, including Bulgaria, were interested in the kidnapping of Dozier and ready to help with arms and money."

The statement, published by the leading *Corriere della Sera* of Milan, was one of a series of alleged "confessions" by Savasta since his arrest Jan. 25 when police rescued Dozier from a Red Brigades "people's prison" in Padua.

wife of Polish Deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski was quoted in Hamburg Thursday as saying she will settle down in West Germany and use her musical talents "to contribute to freedom" in her homeland. Wanda Wilkomirska, an internationally known violinist, was quoted by the magazine *Nouvelles* as saying she would not take German citizenship but would live in this country as a "stateless Pole."

She added that she did not want to comment on the internal situation in Poland but that through her music she wanted to contribute to freedom there. Wilkomirska decided earlier this month not to return to Poland from a concert tour of Western Europe.

## Nazi link denied by Swiss banker

LAUSANNE, Switzerland March 11 (APF) — Swiss banker Francois Genoud Friday denied press allegations that he was a "neo-Nazi" manipulating international terrorist groups in a bid to "destabilize" the West.

Although Genoud denied that he was running a vast neo-Nazi network through his terrorist friends, he admitted in an interview published in Friday's *Tribune de Lausanne* that he admired national socialism. Genoud's name cropped up in the press recently as being linked to 31-year-old Swiss terrorist, Bruno Breguet, who was arrested by French police in Paris on Feb. 16 along with his West German girlfriend, Magdalena Kaupp, on suspicion of planning to blow up the French city hall.

The two are alleged associates of international terrorist "Carlos", also known as "The Jackal" (Venezuelan-born Illich Ramirez Sanchez), who has threatened reprisals against French Interior Minister Gaston Defferre unless he releases the two.

Genoud admitted that he had helped Breguet in the past, notably by financing a solidarity committee for the Swiss terrorist after his arrest in Haifa in 1970. "Each one of us plays his role," he said.

The banker was jailed for four months after World War II for having helped a member of the German intelligence service to enter Switzerland illegally.

Genoud, former head of the Arah Commercial Bank in Geneva where the Algerian National Liberation Front kept its war funds, was jailed in 1964 for fraud against a subsidiary of the bank. He has pushed writings by Adolf Hitler, Joseph Goebbels and Martin Bormann and has won court cases to acquire the copyrights of the works of former Nazi leaders.

## Surinamese claim foiling coup attempt

THE HAGUE, March 12 (APF) — The Surinamese Embassy at The Hague said Friday that the military coup launched Thursday in Surinam had failed.

In a communique, the embassy said: "The actions of rebel soldiers led by (former Lt. Suredre) Rambocus and (Sgt. Maj. Wilfried) Hawker (to overthrow the national military council) have failed. Supreme Cmdr. (Lt. Col. Desi) Bouterse is in complete control of the military situation. There is no reason for the civil population to be concerned."

The communique was published several hours after head of state Lt. Col. Bouterse said on Surinamese radio and television that Sgt. Maj. Hawker, one of the attempted coup's leaders, had been arrested. Col. Bouterse also said the other coup leader Lt. Rambocus was still at large with about 100 rebels in the Memre Boekoe barracks but that their surrender was only a matter of time.

Sgt. Maj. Hawker was seized when government forces stormed the Memre Boekoe barracks in Paramaribo, from where the rebels had launched their coup, according to reports.

In a broadcast message, Sgt. Maj. Hawker confessed to being under arrest and urged his fellow coup leader, Lt. Rambocus, and his followers to surrender to avoid bloodshed, reports said. Sgt. Maj. Hawker and Lt. Rambocus were among soldiers who helped Lt. Col. Bouterse seize power from Henk Arron in February, 1980. Arron had been in power since Surinam's independence in November, 1975.

Sgt. Maj. Hawker failed in an earlier coup attempt against Col. Bouterse in March, 1981. Col. Bouterse strengthened his position last Feb. 4 by sacking his prime minister for opposing plans to postpone general elections indefinitely.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazem  
A spot of counterpropaganda:  
Ask anyone in the West what's the first to cross his mind as you say "conspicuous spending" or "sudden riches", and he'd say without hesitation, "Arabia." Westerners, you see, don't realize they live in glass houses; that moats and beams are distributed more or less equally among eyes. If they did, the world would be a happier place — but, there, you're human nature...

Now it's essential not to go overboard over this. There's no denying that a few barrelsful of oil have been scraped from these lands and found their way to other shores with sums of money changing hands as a result, leading, here and there, to what can be called, for the sake of argument, "conspicuous consumption." That we have to accept:

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Which is in itself a mindboggling extravagance, as the town is so rich its inhabitants don't have to go to Paris or New York to get the best and latest, but these centers of things fashionable go to them. Their high street, in other words, boasts shops representing all the greatest names in the world of fashion, while their supermarkets have kinds of food which are hard to find even in their countries of origin...

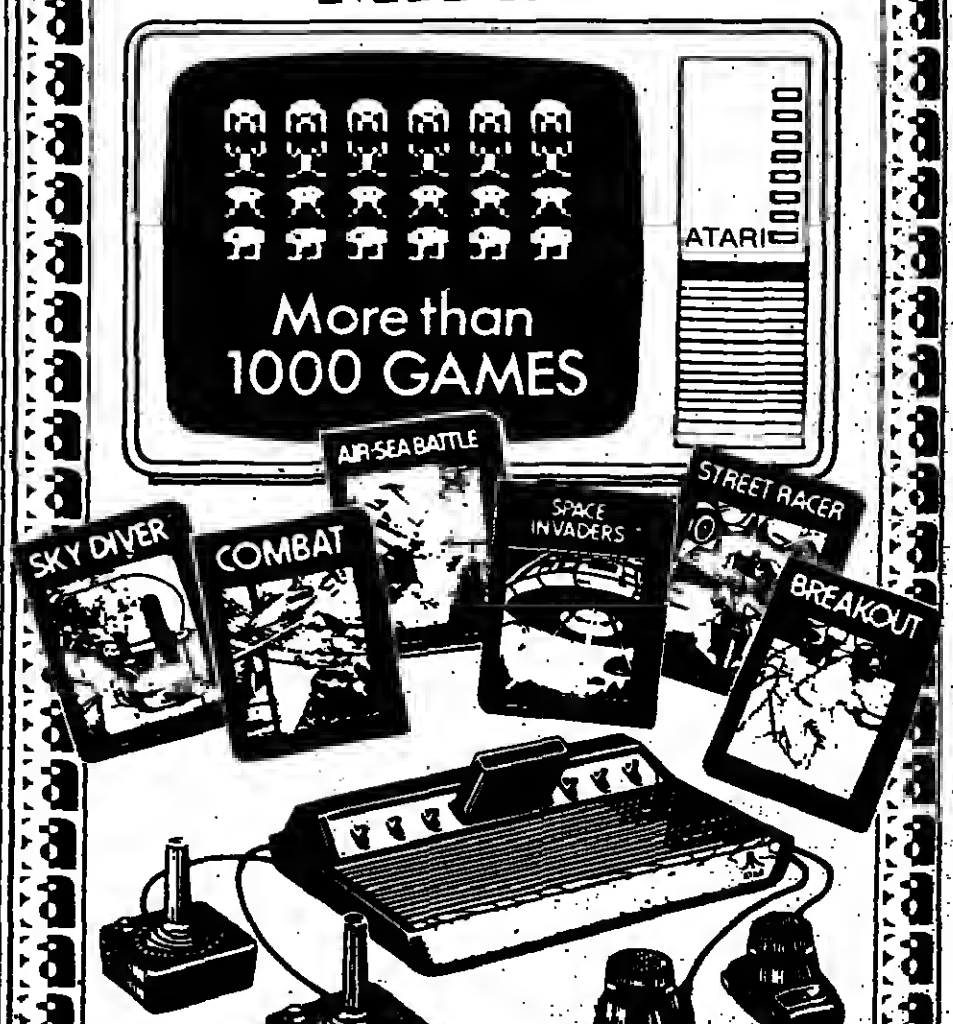
The local banks, it is said... But enough. The point is made. In fact, it is being made to the rest of America, as an influx of the jobless is said to be descending on the town, as news of its failed riches are becoming more and more known...

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